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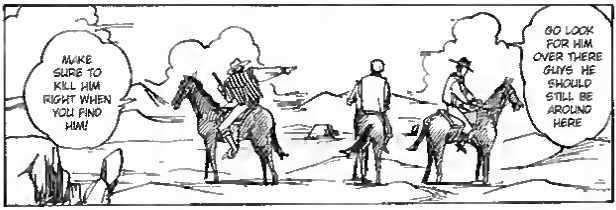
SFX BURURURU
ブルル!
BASTARD WHERE DID HE GO...?

HAA
HAA


MAKE SURE TO KILL HIM RIGHT WHEN YOU FIND HIM!
GO LOOK FOR HIM OVER THERE GUYS HE SHOULD STILL BE AROUND HERE

SFX BAK
ばっ

HEEEY! WHO ARE YOU LOOKING FOR!?
!!!
SFX: BAL
ドン!!
ドン!!
ドン!!
SFX: DON DON DON
.....!!
STILL 100 YEARS
TOO EARLY TO KILL ME.
TRY AGAIN NEXT TIME, FOLKS!!

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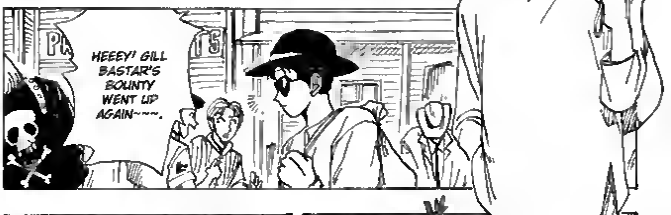

SFX: MURMUR MURMUR

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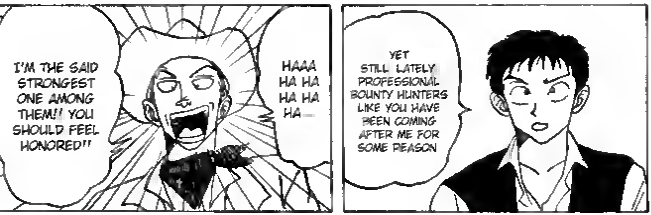
TOWN!
GUESS I'M DONE WITH SHOPPING THEN
I BOUGHT FOOD AND I BOUGHT BULLETS
LET'S SEE
NMM?
I'M NOT LETTING YOU ESCAPE
SFX HAK
HE'S BEEN TARGETED
...!
SFX DON!
...
SIGH.

SFX: KYAAH KYAAH!
IT'S A MURDER ~~~!!
GET HIM~~~!!
AH, OKAY OKAY. IT'S ALL MY FAULT.
KYAAAA !!!
SFX: KYAAH KYAAH
IT WOULD BE MY LOSS IF YOU DIE HERE. I'M THE ONE WHO IS GOING TO KILL YOU.
GO, GO, RUN, RUN.
I WILL NEVER FORGET THE GRUDGE FROM THAT DAY...!!
SFX: HYUU
PROBABLY BECAUSE I KILLED MANY PEOPLE?
GILL~~~ WHAT DID YOU DO TO GET THIS HUGE BOUNTY ON YOUR HEAD?
SFX: TOSS
PLACING BOUNTY ON MY HEAD.
YUP! I WANT TO MAKE IT CLEAR THAT THEY SHOULDN'T BE
ALL OF YOUR MURDERS STARTED OUT AS SELF-DEFENSE...
ACCORDING TO RUMORS.

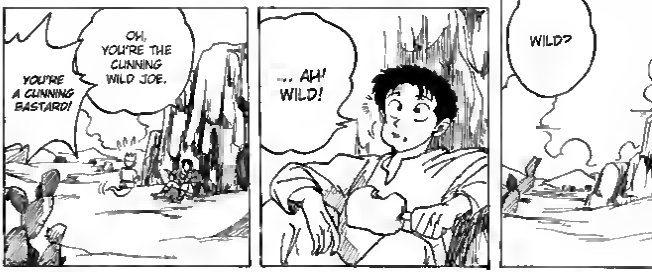

I'M THE SAID STRONGEST ONE AMONG THEM!! YOU SHOULD FEEL HONORED!!
HAAA HA HA HA HA HA...
YET STILL LATELY PROFESSIONAL BOUNTY HUNTERS LIKE YOU HAVE BEEN COMING AFTER ME FOR SOME REASON

SFX: DON
...!
... IS THAT SO?
UWA!!
AND DIE!
...!
IF YOU'RE READY FOR IT,

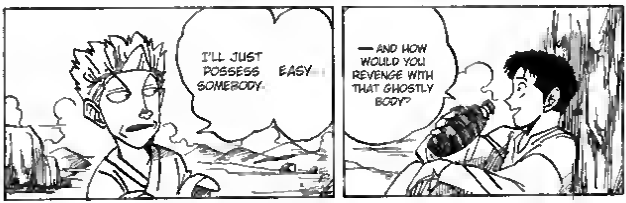
SFX: DON
AH!!
AH
EH?

SFX THUD
どが
HE ACTUALLY FELL FOR IT ?
...
BUT YOU DEFEATED ME IN SUCH A COWARDLY WAY...!!
I WAS ONCE CALLED THE STRONGEST BOUNTY HUNTER
TOO BAD HE CAN'T HEAR ME NOR SEE ME!!
I CAN'T DIE AND LEAVE THINGS LIKE THIS. I'LL NEVER FORGIVE YOU, EVER!!
SFX HYOO HYOO
ぶん
DAMN IT! DAMN IT! GOD DAMN IT~~!!
I'M GONNA FUCKING KILL YOU!!
スカッ
スカッ
スタ スタ
SFX SUKA SUKA
SFX BUN BUN
SFX SUTA SUTA

SFX KUWA
SHUT THE FUCK UP, ALREADY!!
!!?
SFX SURPRISED
SAY SOMETHING YOU DAMN OCTOPUS!!
...
?
?
SFX THUMP THUMP
SFX PANT PANT PANT
.....!?
SFX THUMP THUMP THUMP THUMP
YOU DUMBASS !!
I'LL MAKE YOU CRY YOU BASTARD
I WONDER WHO DID IT
HE SURPRISED ME
SFX GLANCE
SIGH
SEE ME?
I CAN SEE YOU VERY WELL
Y-YOU CAN
YES, YOU.
EH?
...!
...
M-ME?

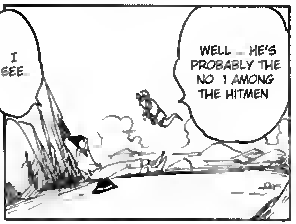

YOU'RE A CUNNING BASTARD!
OH, YOU'RE THE CUNNING WILD JOE.
... AH! WILD!
WILD?

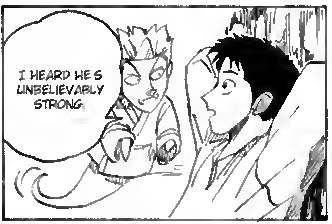
HEH, IT ONLY IMPLIES THAT MY GRUDGE IS STRONG
IT'S MY FIRST TIME SEEING THINGS THIS CLEARLY.
BUT EVEN THOUGH I CAN SENSE SPIRITUAL THINGS PRETTY WELL,


I'LL JUST POSSESS SOMEBODY. EASY
— AND HOW WOULD YOU REVENGE WITH THAT GHOSTLY BODY?

THAT'S PROBABLY GOING TO BE THE DAY YOU DIE
WELL THAT COULD HAPPEN TOO. BUT IF I CAN EVER REST IN PEACE —,
AND IF YOU ADMIT YOUR LOSS THEN YOU CAN FINALLY REST IN PEACE HUH?
I SEE —

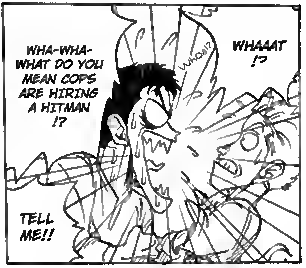
IT WOULD BE WEIRD IF ONE DIDN'T KNOW HIM
YEAH, THAT SINO THE HITMAN, RIGHT?
DO YOU KNOW WHO SINO PHOENIX IS?


I SEE...
WELL... HE'S PROBABLY THE NO. 1 AMONG THE HITMEN


I HEARD HE'S UNBELIEVABLY STRONG...

!
TO DEAL WITH YOU...!
COPS?
I HEARD COPS HIRED HIM RECENTLY

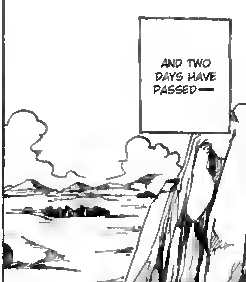
I ONLY FIRED BECAUSE THEY FIRED FIRST!! HOW COULD THEY BE SENDING A HITMAN AFTER ME!!?
TH-THEY SAY THERE HAVE BEEN TOO MANY VICTIMS ALREADY
EH DON'T ASK ME


WHA-WHA-WHAT DO YOU MEAN COPS ARE HIRING A HITMAN!?
WHAAAT!?
TELL ME!!

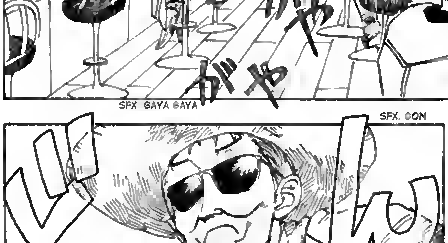
SFX: UWAAAAH!!

SFX WAI WAI
SIGN SAKE
酒

SFX GAYA GAYA
SFX WAHAHAHA
SFX GYAHAHAHA

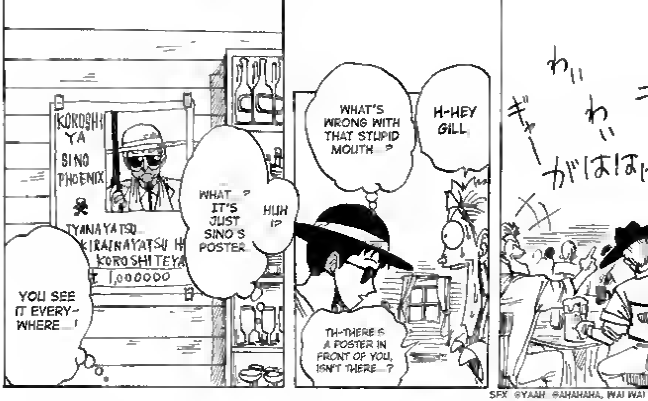

AND TWO DAYS HAVE PASSED—

SFX WAI WAI WAI WAI
...
SFX GAYA GAYA

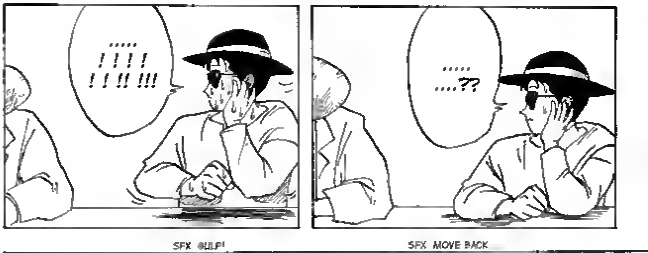

SFX DON
HITMAN SINO PHOENIX

SFX GAYA
IS ISN'T HE JUST A DEAD RINGER?
NO I'M ALMOST SURE
HE'S REAL

WANTED!
SFX. SIWA HA HA HA
ANYTHING I CAN GET YOU?
SHIT... A HITMAN IS AFTER ME NOW...!?
SFX. WAI WAI
SAKABA
SFX. PAN!
COKE
YES, SIR.
!
SFX. HYIIU HYIIU, GAYA, DAHAHAHA, WAI WAI, GYAHAHAHA, GAYA
.....!
HEY, WHAT ARE YOU DOING?
.....!
!?
H-HE IS!!


KOROSHI YA
SINO PHOENIX
TYANAYATSU
KIRAINAYATSU H
KOROSHITEYA
YOU SEE IT EVERY-WHERE...!
WHAT...? IT'S JUST SINO'S POSTER
HUH!?
WHAT'S WRONG WITH THAT STUPID MOUTH...?
H-HEY GILL
TH-THERE'S A POSTER IN FRONT OF YOU, ISN'T THERE...?
わぃ
わぃ
ギャー
がはは
SFX: @YAAH @AHAHAHA, WAI WAI

?
RIGHT?
HOW IS IT?
THEN LOOK TO YOUR RIGHT, SLOWLY
THEN,

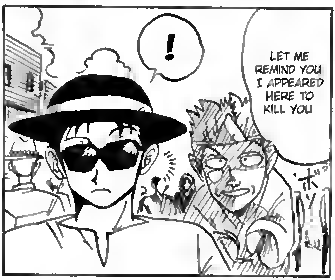

.....
!!!!
!!!!!!
.....??
SFX: @ULP!
SFX: MOVE BACK

HEY

HEY, HEY
DON'T TELL ME YOU ARE JUST GONNA RUN LIKE THAT
Has he scared the shit outta me?
HAA... HAA... ZEH... ZEH... WH-WHY IS SINO IN THIS TOWN?
ガヤ
ガヤ

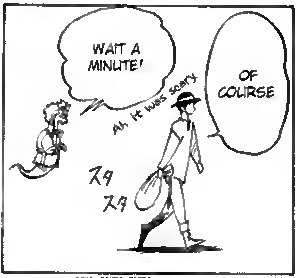
SFX HAA HAA THUMP THUMP THUMP THUMP HAA HAA

SFX GAYA GAYA



SFX GRIN

SFX WHISPER



SFX SUTA SUTA

!!
LIKE THIS!!
SFX BAK
I SEE... LIKE WHAT?
FU FU FU FU FU...
SHOP
FISHSTANY
!?
WHA...?
.....
I'M HERE...!
.....
SFX DOOON!
WH-WHERE DID HE GO?
WHAT...?
EH?

WANTED!
!
RIGHT HERE..
?
?
YES WAY... I'M IN YOUR BODY NOW
!!
NO WAY...!
NO
Wha...What was that just now..!?
.....!!
ぽん!
SFX BAK!
SFX ZAK
NOW... SHALL WE..?
SUPPOSEDLY YOU SHOULD PASS OUT WHEN BEING POSSESSED BUT THAT DOESN'T SEEM TO BE THE CASE WITH YOU...
Can't be!
MAYBE YOU'RE IMMUNE TO SPIRITS...
SFX GAYA
SFX ZAWA
ARRRGGHH!
IF WE GO THAT WAY..!!
WAAAAH! H-HOLD ON!!
SFX ZAK ZAK

SFX: GRAB GUGU
WHAT IS HE?
NO NEED.
WILD, LET'S TALK.
PLEASE !!
SFX: WAI WAI GAYA
SHAK
わい
酒
SHAK SHAK
SFX: BAN!
ばん!
DAMNIT, SINO~~~!! FIGHT ME~~~!!
UGYAAAH! HE REALLY SAID IT!
SFX: SPARKLE
I-IT'S IT'S IT'S NOT ME~~~
WHAT IN THE WORLD ?
.....
!!... SI- SINO!?
!
SFX: SOB SOB SOB

I DIDN'T !!
I SAID IT.
N-NO-NO-NO, I DIDN'T SAY THAT LINE.
...?
He's dead all right.
HRMM.
.....
SFX: ZAWA ZAWA
SFX: KITA
THEN WHO?
STOP, DON'T SPEAK, PLEASE!
NO, NO, I DIDN'T SAY THAT LINE, EITHER—→!!
GYAAAH !!
DO YOU THINK I'D SAY THAT, OCTOPUS?
I... I'M REALLY, TERRIBLY... SORRY.
SFX: ZAK
I DISLIKE JOKES!!
AH... ERM... THIS IS A JO-.
For real.
It really isn't me.
IT'S SINJ HAS HE BEEN HERE THE ENTIRE TIME !?
WHAT THE HECK IS HE TALKING ABOUT...!?
SFX: ZAWA ZAWA

SFX RATTLE
SFX DODON!
WHOA !!
SFX DODODODON!
N-NOW YOU'VE DONE IT!!
SFX GASA
SFX THUD!
!
SFX HAK!
.....
.....!?
!!

They found out~~~
IT'S THE GILL BASTAR ~~~!!!
T-THAT FACE IS.....!!
... HE.... HE'S... GILL....
SFX: GULP
SFX: MURMUR
...!! ... AND... HE'S REAL, TOO~~~!!
IT'S THE GILL BASTAR ~~~!!!
SFX: ZAWA ZAWA ZAWA
MY, MY, MY.
.....
HAAAA HA HA HA! SERVES YOU RIGHT!!
GEH! WHEN DID YOU...!?
YOU CAN'T GET AWAY ANY MORE
SFX: JAKIN!
FOR SHOWING UP VOLUNTARILY.
THANK YOU SO MUCH

ARE YOU BRAVE ENOUGH TO SNATCH SINO'S TARGET...?
IF... IF WE ALL AIM HIM, AND SHOOT, I'M SURE ONE OF THEM WILL...
CA-CAN'T BELIEVE IT HE'S GILL A FORTUNE AT ONE SWOOP
VIP
SFX: WAAAH
THEY'LL GET US INVOLVED!! RUUUUN!!
IT'S THE WORST. IT'S THE WORST COMBINATION IN THE WORLD...!!
SFX: STOMP STOMP STOMP STOMP STOMP STOMP
SFX: WAAAH WAAAH
SFX: WAAAH
AH YEAH, HE'S JUST AN IDIOT.
I HEARD YOU DEFEATED WILD JOE
SFX: STOMP STOMP
SFX: DODODODON
I EXPECTED THAT MUCH OF YOU!
EXCELLENT GILL BASTAR
SFX: ©YAAAH ©YAAAH

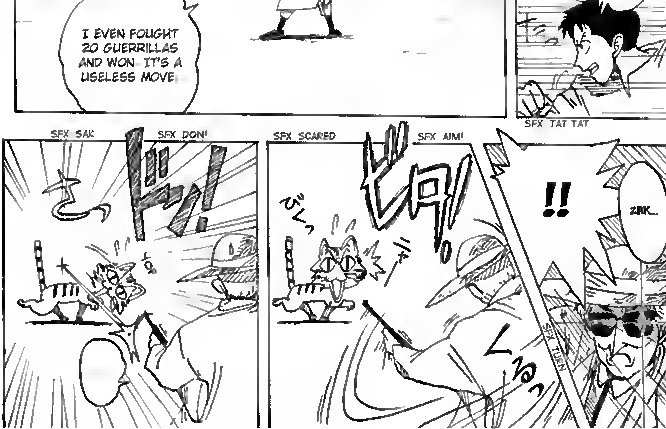
!
KUGH !!
SFX: DON DON!
IF I KILL YOU, I CAN LIVE MY LIFE AT EASE !!
SFX: KYAAAH
SFX: WAAAH
SFX: DODON!
EARN YOUR MONEY YOURSELF!!
SFX: BWA
SFX: BAN!
SFX: DON DON DON DON
GOOD LUCK!
SHUT UP!!!
!!

SFX: DODODON!
TCH!
SFX: WUOOO!
SFX: BAK
IT'S NOT!!
NOBUNAGA...
IT'S THE END OF YOUR LIFE, HUH...
SFX: KYAAAH KYAAAH!
SFX: DON DON!
UWO-OOOO !!
SFX: DAN!
SFX: DON DON
SFX: MAAAAH!
SFX: WOW!
SFX: MOKU MOKU!
UGH... ARGH!! SMOKE SCREEN BULLET !?
SFX: ZUBA!

SFX BAK
WAH!!
SFX DON DON DON DODODON!
SFX DODODON!
SFX WAAAH
SFX KYAAH KYAAH KYAAAH
TRUE, HE'S SKILLED, BUT ALL HE DOES IS KILL.
WHAT'S UP WITH THAT TITLE, "THE STRONGEST HITMAN"!?
OOO-OUCH!! SHIT!
SFX WAAAH, KYAAAH KYAAAH
WELL... IF I FIGHT HIM SERIOUSLY, IT'S NOT GONNA BE WORTH IT —
Hurry and get killed
SFX GRIND
WHAAAT!?
JUST LIKE EVERY SINGLE ONE OF YOU GUYS!!
SFX ANGRY

HE IS PROBABLY GOING AROUND THE ALLEY...
SFX GULP
WHAT'S GOING ON? DID GILL FLEE?
NO WAY... HE STARTED IT.
SFX SILENCE

AIM ME FROM WHEREVER.
HMPH!
I EVEN FOUGHT 20 GUERRILLAS AND WON. IT'S A USELESS MOVE.
HEY, WHERE ARE YOU GOING?
SHUT UP, DEAD MAN
SFX TAT TAT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SFX DON!
SFX SCARED
SFX AIM!
!!
ZAK...

WANTED!
BUT IT'S HIM THAT STARTED THE CUNNING FIGHT...!
IF HE HAD BEEN FIGHTING ME SERIOUSLY, I THINK I WOULD'VE LOST
WHAT ARE YOU DOING?
Just want mine, anyway
LET ME TAKE SINO'S PICTURE ANYWAY
WHAT THE HELL IS GOING ON..!?
SFX KACHA
SFX TON
SFX HYUUU!
!
SFX TWITCH
WHAT AN IDIOT
AN EYE FOR AN EYE.
SFX DON DO DON DON DON!
COME OUT!!
YOU THERE, GILL BASTAR~~~!?
SFX BAN
SFX PAK

ドン!
ドン!
SFX: DON! DON!
ドンドドン
COME OUT, COME OUT, COME OUT!!
SFX: DON DO DON DON
SFX: ASHAAAN
MNN!!
ドン!
ドドド
SFX: DON! DODODO
SFX: BISHI BISHI
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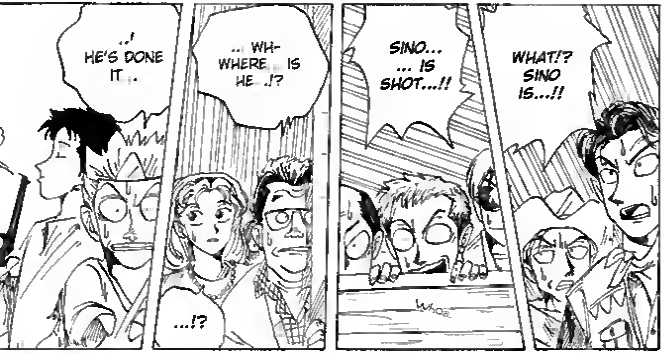
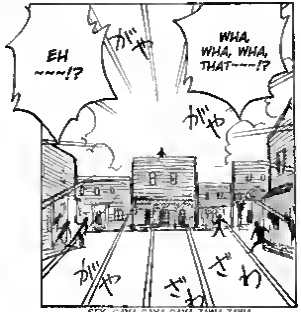
ビシビシ
バキバキ...!
SFX: BAKI BAKI
SFX: DON!
!!
THIS WAY, THIS WAY.
!!


..! HE'S DONE IT..
... WH- WHERE... IS HE..!?
...!?
SINO... ... IS SHOT...!!
WHAT!? SINO IS...!!

!
LOOK..
AH!!!


EH ~~~!?
WHA, WHA, WHA, THAT~~~!?
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SFX GAYA GAYA GAYA ZAWA ZAWA

SFX MURMUR
..? WHERE..? I DON'T SEE HIM.
AAAAAH! OVER THERE ...!!
WHERE?
I CAN'T SEE HIM..
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SFX: SU

SFX: HAA HAA

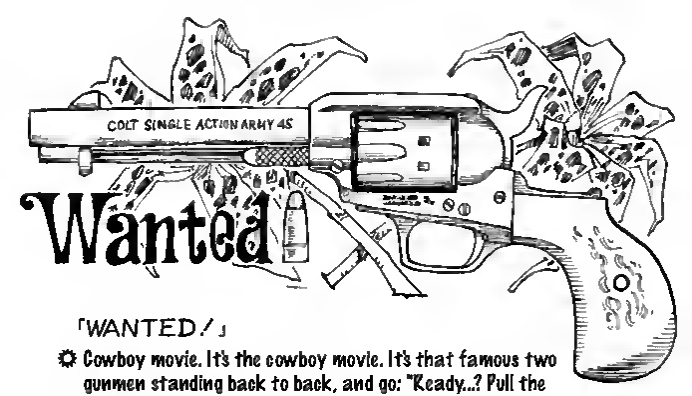
SFX: SITS UP

SFX: DON!

SFX: COLLAPSE

BWAHAHAHAHA. THAT MEANS YOU'RE ADMITTING YOUR LOSS!!
I... I'M DISAPPEARING HEY!! WHAT THE HELL?
SFX. SUUU
?
OH!?
AFTER ALL, I'M STRONGER THAN...!!!
DON'T FUCK WITH ME. THERE'S NO WAY I'M ADMITTING MY LOSS!! LISTEN!!! I'M DISAPPEARING BECAUSE I REALIZED MY VICTORY!!!
SFX. SU
SFX. FU
SFX. HA HA HA HA
IN 100 YEARS
... I'LL SEE YOU IN THE NEXT WORLD...
— FROM THAT DAY ON, GILL BASTAR WAS NEVER SEEN AGAIN —

WANTED! / THE END



「WANTED/」

- Cowboy movie. It's the cowboy movie. It's that famous two gunmen standing back to back, and go: "Ready...? Pull the trigger after walking three steps." "One..." "Two... *fire*!!" "Ugh... You... cunning!!" *batam.* Yes, that's it.

- I semi-won a marvelous award called the Tezuka Award. I was a high school student at my hometown, Kumamoto, and livin a leisure life. I contributed the draft, but I have an interesting episode on that.

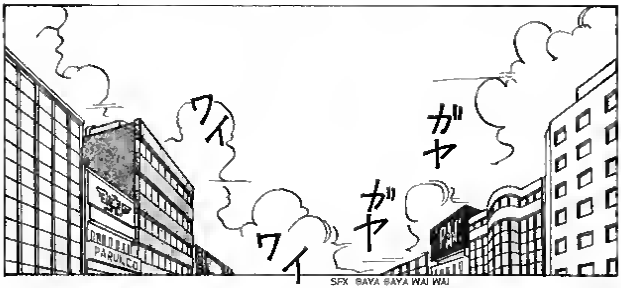
- Three days before the deadline, I had 7 blank pages for the manuscript. I was thinking two more days would be enough, but an accident hit me. It was a car collision, and it was 100% the other person's fault. I was on the passenger seat when my head hit the mirror and I ended up with blood covering my face and T-shirt. It happened in a quick moment and when I realized it, first thing that came to mind was: "Ah, I have to return the video today." Humans are pretty calm.

- It was my first time riding an ambulance, so I was a little excited when I got to the hospital. I was hospitalized for a day. Since I had to get the submission stamped two days later, I had to finish the manuscript in a day, which was the next day. I told the doctor that I was okay and asked for permission to go home, but he said no.

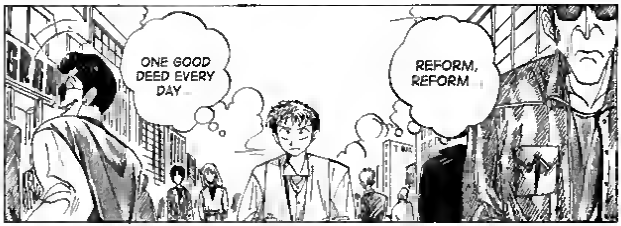
- The next day, I finished the draft with my guts, and sent it in. When I was drawing the draft, my nose was hurting really bad, so I went to see a doctor and the bone (cartilage) was indeed broken. --- On a later date, I received the award.

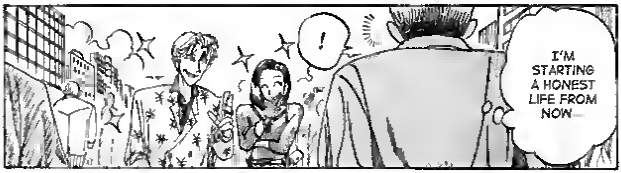
- It made me think of the truth of universe.

GOD'S GIFT FOR THE FUTURE



SFX GAYA GAYA WAI WAI





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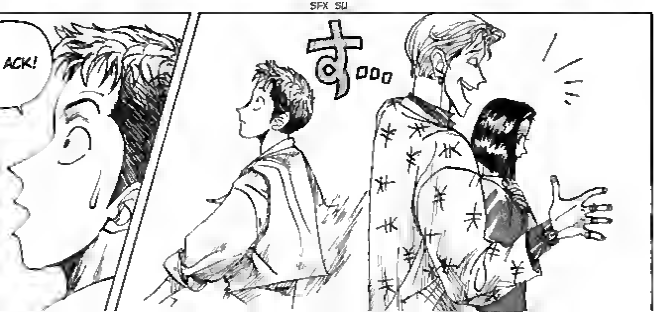
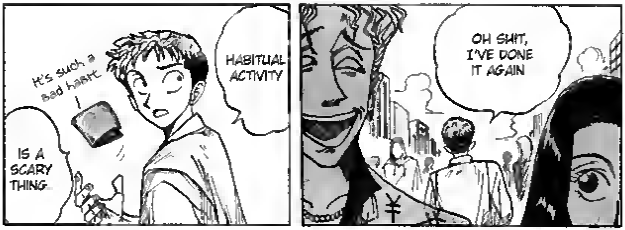
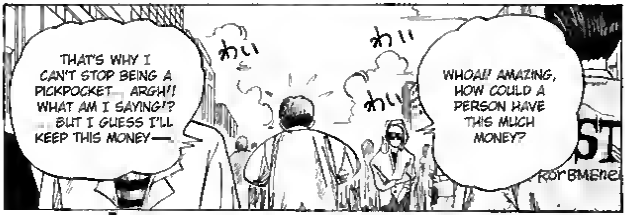



It's such a bad habit
HABITUAL ACTIVITY
IS A SCARY THING
OH SHIT, I'VE DONE IT AGAIN


SFX WAI WAI WAI
THAT'S WHY I CAN'T STOP BEING A PICKPOCKET... ARGH!! WHAT AM I SAYING!? ...BUT I GUESS I'LL KEEP THIS MONEY——
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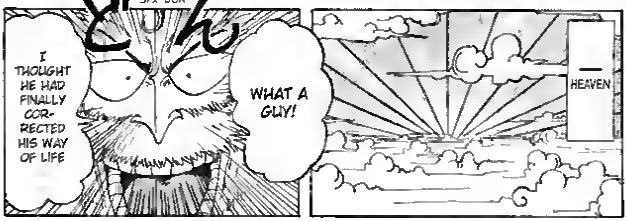
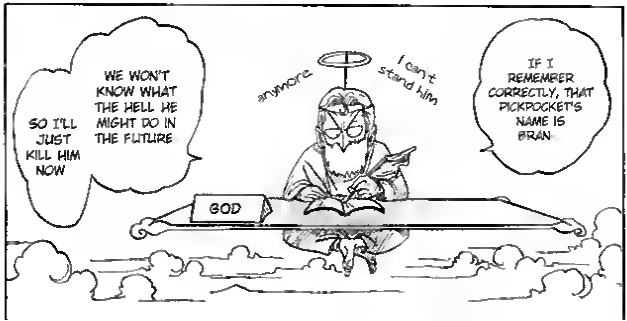
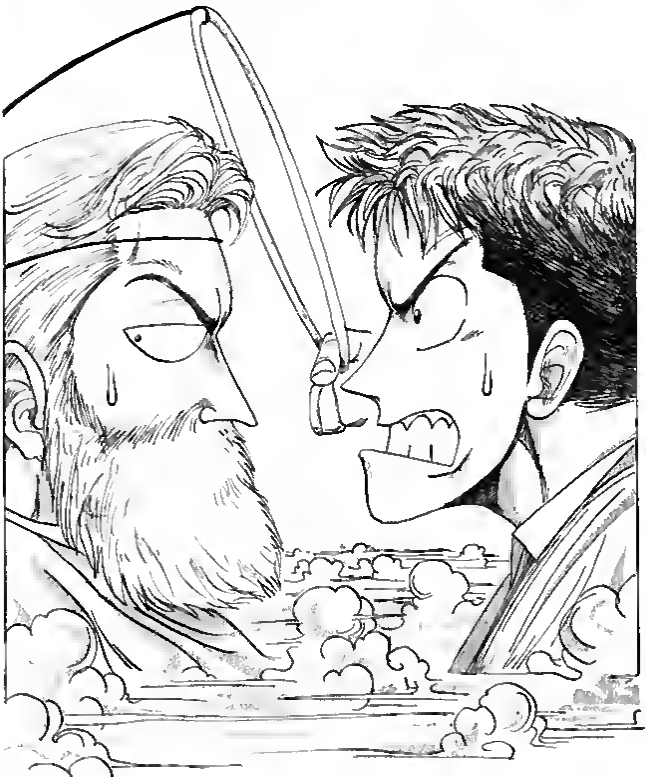
WHOA!! AMAZING, HOW COULD A PERSON HAVE THIS MUCH MONEY?


SFX DON
I THOUGHT HE HAD FINALLY CORRECTED HIS WAY OF LIFE
WHAT A GUY!
HEAVEN


SO I'LL JUST KILL HIM NOW
WE WON'T KNOW WHAT THE HELL HE MIGHT DO IN THE FUTURE
anymore
I can't stand him
IF I REMEMBER CORRECTLY, THAT PICKPOCKET'S NAME IS BRAN
GOD

"A METEORITE WILL HIT BRIAN'S HOUSE." ...OKAY.
TODAY... AT... 4:44:44
SFX: NU
ONCE HE DIES AND COMES TO THIS SIDE, THE HEAVEN, I'LL GIVE HIM A LECTURE OR TWO
BRIANCHI, YOU MEAN THE BIG DEPARTMENT STORE, RIGHT!? A LOT OF PEOPLE WILL DIE!
WHAT OUTRAGEOUS THING?
OOOH!! GOD, YOU'RE DOING SUCH AN OUTRAGEOUS THING!!
WHOA! OH, IT'S YOU, ANGEL!
SFX: HACK
4:44:44
A METEORITE WILL HIT BRIANCHI
I DID
I WROTE BRIAN
IDIOT. WHAT'RE YOU TALKING ABOUT? LOOK AT IT CAREFULLY.

GOD'S GIFT FOR THE FUTURE



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SFX WAI WAI GAYA GAYA
HEY, BRAT, STOP!
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SFX SUTA SUTA
HEY... BRAT!
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SFX SUTA SUTA
BRAN
OCCUPATION
PICKPOCKET
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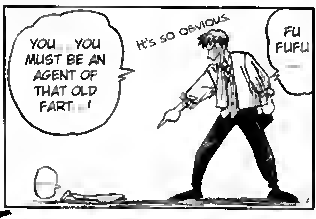
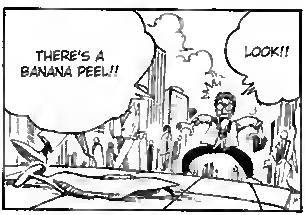
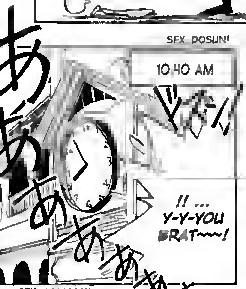
I SAID STOP!!
!!
SFX CHOKE
ARE YOU TRYING TO KILL ME!?
WHO THE HECK ARE YOU!?
す…
I'LL GIVE YOU THIS...
SFX SLI

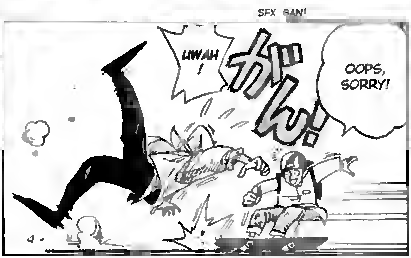
BRAN WILL STEP ON A POOP
10:23AM. TODAY.
WHAT THE HECK IS THIS?
HOW DOES HE KNOW MY NAME?
SFX: ZAWA ZAWA GAYA GAYA
WHO WAS THAT GEEZER?
SFX: AAAAAAAH
SFX: @UNYO
10 23 AM
SFX: AAAAAAAH
GYAAAAAH!!!
SFX: STINKS

...NEXT...! WHAT, I'LL FALL ON 10 40...?
THAT GUEST
BASTARD... WHEN DID HE PUT A SHIT OVER THERE?


YOU... YOU MUST BE AN AGENT OF THAT OLD FART...!
IT'S SO OBVIOUS
FU FUFU


THERE'S A BANANA PEEL!!
LOOK!!


SFX: DOSUN!
10.40 AM
!! ... Y-Y-YOU ■RAT~~~!


SFX: BAN!
UWAH!
がん!
OOPS, SORRY!

SFX: AAAAAAAH.
LIFO CRASHES
Hey, hey

LIFO APPEARS
Hey, hey

SFX: KICK!
SFX: MEOW
I GET KICKED BY A CAT.

I GET BITTEN BY A DOG.
NEXT UP IS—
SFX: CHOMP

WHAT THE HECK IS THIS NOTEBOOK!!?
IT CAN PREDICT WHAT'S GONNA HAPPEN IN THE FUTURE
...DON'T TELL ME
Everything written in it actually happens, too!!
Hey hey hey hey hey
!
BRANCHI, YOU MEAN, THAT BRANCHI!?
"A...A METEORITE WILL HIT BRANCHI" —!?
IT WILL BE HIT BY A METEORITE... TODAY!!?
RRR
THE DEPARTMENT STORE, BRANCHI ...!?

11:03 AM
あああああああ
IT'S GOTTA BE AN ACCIDENT ~~~!
SFX: AAAA

THAT'S WRITTEN ON THIS NOTEBOOK HAS HAPPENED
SO FAR, EVERY-THING
.....
NOW FATE IS IN MY HAND!!
This is so useful!
WHY DIDN'T I THINK OF THAT EARLIER !?
THEN WHAT IF I WRITE THINGS ON THE NOTEBOOK!?
NOTHING WRITTEN ON THAT NOTEBOOK CAN BE CHANGED, AND NOTHING WILL HAPPEN IF YOU WRITE SOMETHING ON IT.
AH!! THE GEEZER FROM EARLIER!!
IT DOESN'T WORK THAT WAY
!

I SEE—
AND WHO WROTE ON THIS NOTE-BOOK?
ME
ME
GOD!? WHO IS?
HOW CAN YOU HUMANS NOT BELIEVE IT AFTER ALL THAT'S HAPPENED!?
DAAA-MN IT!
Like the poop and UFO
I BET YOU SET UP WHATEVER HAPPENED SO FAR.
THIS IS THE "PEN OF FATE" THAT I HAVE BECAUSE I AM GOD
LISTEN
WE DON'T HAVE TIME LET ME EXPLAIN QUICKLY
?
SFX RUSTLE RUSTLE
WHERE ARE YOU GOING ~~~!?
Pasta~!!

AH, IF YOU GONNA WRITE ANYWAY, WRITE SOMETHING LIKE MONEY FALLS FROM THE HEAVEN...!!
Hee hee...
BUT YOU WILL NEVER BELIEVE IT UNLESS I DO THIS
サラサラ
SFX: SCRIBBLE SCRIBBLE
IF YOU USE THAT PEN, WHATEVER IS WRITTEN ON THE NOTEBOOK WILL HAPPEN?
What should I do with this geezer?
YES ! IT'LL SURELY HAPPEN
— AND?
HOW NICE. I'VE BEEN W ANTING TO FLY UP IN THE SKY FOR A LONG...
HA HA HA!!
WHAT...? "BRAIN SUDDENLY FLOATS" ...!?
—!! ... TIME... .....!?
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UWAAAAH ~~!!!
WHAT, WHAT, WHAT, WHAT, WHAT, WHAT, WHAAAT!!?
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SFX: AAAAAAAAAH

UWAAAH ~~!!!
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I WAS KIDDING, LET ME DOWN, I'M SCARED !!!
SFX UWAAAAAH
... THE REAL.... ...!?
... ARE ARE YOU REALLY ...!?
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MAGICIAN?
AND WHAT, WHAT DOES GOD WANT ME FOR?
!!
SFX HAA HAA ZE'H ZEH
SO YOU FINALLY DECIDED TO BELIEVE ME
YOU'RE GOD!!!!
BASTARD, IS THAT WHAT GOD DOES!?
YOU MEAN, A METEORITE WILL HIT THE BRANCHI, RIGHT?
AH—, THAT
He he he I wonder how many thousands of people will die
WHAT WAS WRITTEN IN THE END OF THE NOTEBOOK?

EH?
BRANCH! AND
BRAN
SFX WAI WAI GAYA GAYA
BRAN'S HOUSE !?
My house?
HOLD ON, GEEZER
おはははははは
Hilarious
BHAAAAAA HA HA HAHAHA HAHAHA AHHHH HAHA HAHA HAHAHA!!
YOU WOULDN'T NORMALLY MAKE THAT KINDA MISTAKE!!
SFX HAHAHAHAHAHAHA
BY THE WAY IT SHOULD'VE BEEN AN INSTANT DEATH
WHEN YOU ARE AT HOME
O-OF COURSE... WHEN I'M NOT AROUND, RIGHT ..?
OF COURSE
YOU SAID YOU MADE A MISTAKE — THAT MEANS, THE METEORITE IS SUPPOSED TO HIT MY HOUSE INSTEAD?
LET ME ASK YOU SOME-THING

GIVE YOU A CHANCE TO LIVE ONCE AGAIN!!
!?
BUT... SINCE THERE HAS BEEN SOME KIND OF A MISTAKE... I DECIDED TO
I DON'T THINK YOU'LL DO ANYTHING GOOD TO THIS WORLD EVEN IF YOU'RE ALIVE
SFX: POINTS
W-WHAT DO YOU MEAN... BY "WHY!?"
WHY?
!
I DON'T WANT TO
CHANCE?
IF YOU SAY YOU CAN'T DO IT ...
SAVE THE CUSTOMERS OF BRANCH!!!
YES...
SFX: STARTLED
I LOST THE "ERASER OF FATE," WHICH IS THE ONLY THING THAT COULD LET ME ERASE WHATEVER I WROTE WITH THIS PEN----!!
TO TELL YOU THE TRUTH...
IF I COULD DO THAT, I WOULD HAVE DONE IT A LONG TIME AGO!!
IT'S YOU WHO WROTE THOSE THINGS DOWN. IF YOU DON'T LIKE THEM, JUST REWRITE THEM!

SFX STARTLED
YOU'RE EXPECTING ME TO BE GRATEFUL AND COVER UP YOUR MISTAKE, HUH?
N-NO...
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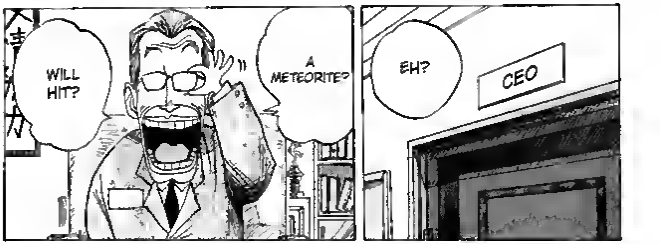
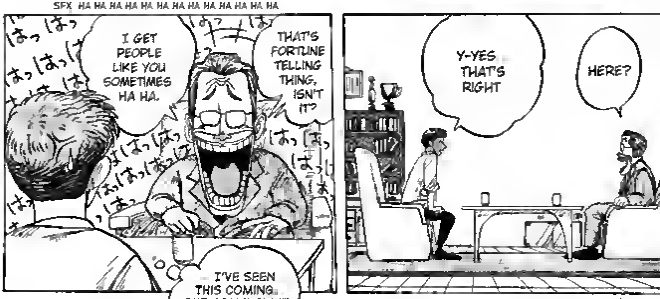
YOU WERE PLANNING TO KILL ONLY ME BUT NOW SEVERAL THOUSAND PEOPLE WILL BE KILLED...!
I KNOW IT'S A SERIOUS MATTER...
...YOU MEAN
I see.
THAT.
SFX HEE HEE HEE HEE
....!!
NOT AS GOD...
AND THERE'S NO WAY YOU COULD APOLOGIZE TO HUMAN BEINGS AND TELL THEM "I MADE A MISTAKE PLEASE COOPERATE"
IT'S UP TO ME HOW MANY PEOPLE ARE GOING TO DIE!! I AM GOD!!!
TH-THAT'S DIRTY...!! HOW CAN YOU DO THAT!?
I'm mad...!
—!!! FINE, I DON'T CARE!!!
I'LL JUST LET BRANCH CUSTOMERS DIE, AND I'LL KILL YOU, TOO!!!

WHAT THE HECK?
THAT'S GOOD?
WHETHER YOU DIE WITH EVERYONE OR SURVIVE WITH EVERYONE.. IT'S YOUR CHOICE... IT'S UP TO YOU TO DECIDE!!
SFX: GAYA GAYA WAI WAI
SFX: TROOPING...
SFX: WAI WAI WAI GAYA GAYA
SFX: CLICK
SFX: RYU
I'LL DO IT.
JUST WAIT AND SEE !



SFX HA HA HA HA HA HA HA HA HA HA HA HA HA HA


I GET PEOPLE LIKE YOU SOMETIMES HA HA.
THAT'S FORTUNE TELLING THING, ISN'T IT?
I'VE SEEN THIS COMING. BUT SOMEHOW IT STILL MANAGES TO FISS ME OFF...
Y-YES THAT'S RIGHT
HERE?

SFX OPENS
HELLO
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BRANCH1 DEPART-MENT STORE RADIO STUDIO
RADIO STUDIO
4:10 PM
I DON'T HAVE TIME
I GUESS I'LL HAVE TO USE FORCE
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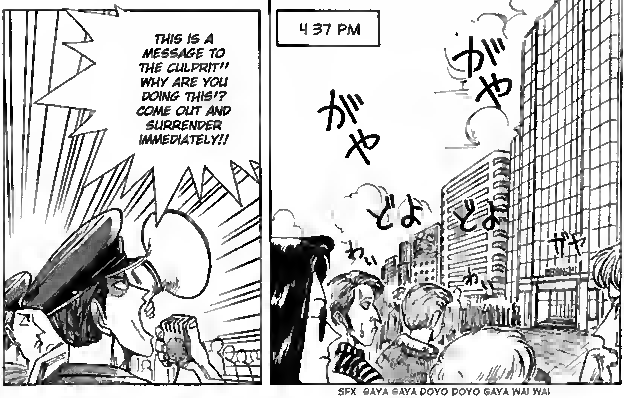
BRANCH1
SFX WAI WAI @AYA
Y-YES
SO I SPEAK TO THIS?
!!
IF YOU DON'T WANT TO DIE, GET OUTTA HERE NOW!!!
EVERYONE, LISTEN!! I'VE PLANTED A BOMB IN THIS BUILDING !!!

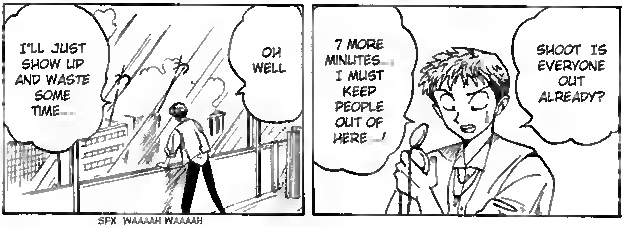
SFX SILENCE
SFX FREEZE
IF YOU'RE STILL HERE AFTER 30 MINUTES,
CONSIDER YOURSELF DEAD!!!
SFX WAAAAAAAAH
SFX DODODODODODODODO

WHAT'RE YOU DOING? RUN!
UOOOOOO ~~~!!
EH?
SFX: KWA
YOU WANNA DIE!?
SFX: ZUDOOOOOOOOOOOOOO
GYAAAAAAH!!
.....
SFX: UWOOOO
SFX: KAHOOOOE

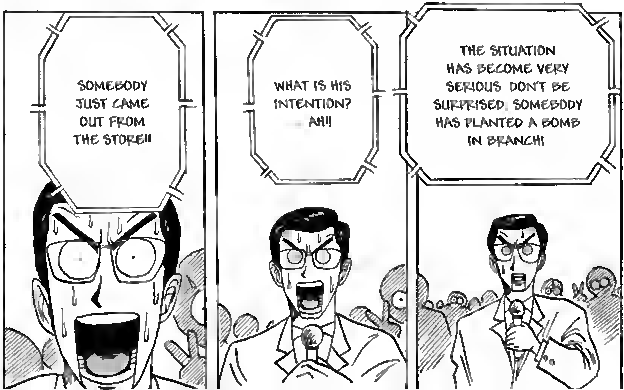
I'M CURRENTLY IN FRONT OF BRANCH!
4:30 PM
REALLY GRASP THE SITUATION, BUT THERE'S A BIG COMMOTION.
WHAT'S GOING..!! AH—!!
M-MAYBE.. I'VE DONE SOMETHING TERRIBLY WRONG..
SFX WAAAAH WAAAAH WAAAAH WAAAAH
SFX DODODODODO
SFX WAAAAH KYAAAH DODODODODO
SFX WAAAAH WAAAAH
SFX THUMP THUMP
SFX WAAAAH WAAAAH
SFX WAAAAH WAAAAH



SFX GAYA GAYA DOYO DOYO GAYA WAI WAI



SFX WAAAAH WAAAAH


SOMEBODY JUST CAME OUT FROM THE STORE!!
WHAT IS HIS INTENTION? ...AH!!
THE SITUATION HAS BECOME VERY SERIOUS. DON'T BE SURPRISED, SOMEBODY HAS PLANTED A BOMB IN BRANCH!

SFX ZAWA
SFX ZAK
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IS IS HE THE CULPRIT?
BRANCHI
...! HE'S HOLDING A GUN!!
AH... THAT GUY...!!
IS THIS ALL YOUR DOING!!?
IS... IS THIS...
JUST BECAUSE OF THE METEORITE THING FROM YOUR FORTUNE TELLING!!!
— DON'T TELL ME YOU'VE DONE THIS

EXPLAIN US!!
WHAT THE HECK?
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A METEORITE ~~~!?
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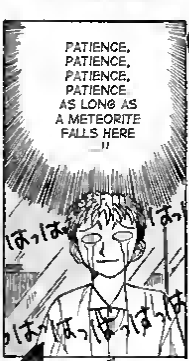
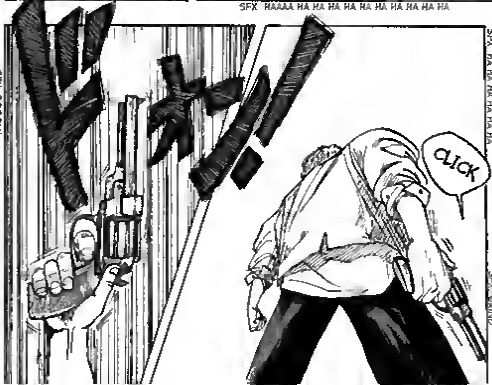
SFX: DOYO DOYO
THIS GUY SAID A METEORITE WILL HIT THIS STORE LATER TODAY!!
—YOU MEAN...
YOU
YOU MADE UP A BIG LIE JUST FOR THAT...!?
SFX: SILENCE
He sai too much...

SFX: WAAAAAHAHAHAHA
A meteorite. My ass!
Is he an idiot?
Haaa ha ha!


PATIENCE, PATIENCE, PATIENCE, PATIENCE AS LONG AS A METEORITE FALLS HERE !!
SFX: HA HA HA HA HA HA HA HA HA HA HA HA

Good job, dude
I lie more
Good ha ha ha
SFX: HAAAA HA HA HA HA HA HA HA HA HA HA

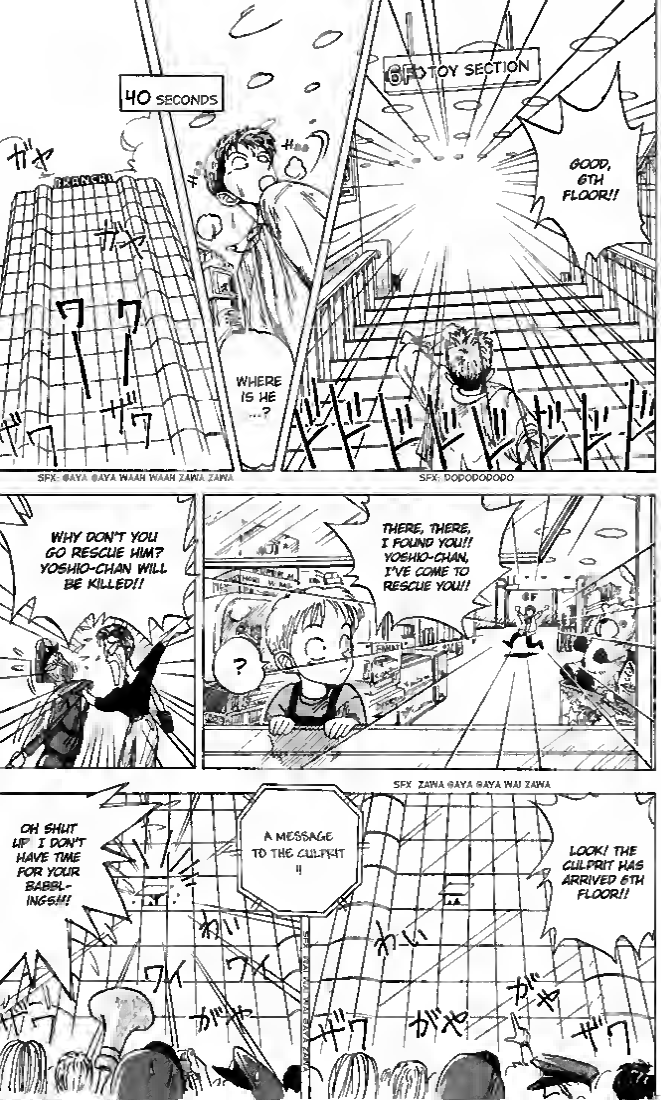

SFX: DOOON!
click
SFX: HA HA HA HA HA HA
... BUT... STILL...
SFX: GRIND

4 MINUTES LEFT
4:40 PM
SFX: FREEZE
!
ぴぴぴ?
SFX: BON
ドン!
チュン
SFX: KYUEEEN!
WHAT THE HELL?
HA... HA... HA HA HA HA HA.
A FORTUNE TELLING ...
I DID LIE ABOUT THE BOMB, BUT WITHIN FOUR MINUTES A METEORITE WILL HIT THIS STORE!
MOMMY ~~~!
... I... I SEE...
.....!!!!
IT'S FATE!!!
I TOLD YOU IT'S NOT FORTUNE TELLING!!
THANK YOU VERY MUCH!!

YOU IDIOT!!!!
MY! YOSHIO-CHAN, YOU'RE THERE!? I TOLD YOU NOT TO WANDER AROUND...
MOOO-OOM.
!!
... KU...
....!!
WERE YOU PLANNING TO LEAVE HIM STRANDED !!?
YOU ABANDONED YOUR OWN CHILD AND RAN AWAY!!?
UNDERSTAND !!?
IF I FIND ANY OF YOU INSIDE, THE KID'S DEAD!!
HEY!! DON'T COME INSIDE THE STORE !!!!
.....

3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10
HURRY.
HURRY.
.....
.....!!
SFX: IRRITATED IRRITATED IRRITATED IRRITATED
SFX: BAN BAN BAN BAN
GYAAAAH! I DON'T EVEN HAVE FULL THREE MINUTES!
SFX: DARADARADO
UGAAAAH!!
EXAS-PERAT-ING!!
SFX: BAN BAN BAN BAN
SFX: GAYA GAYA ZAWA DOYO ZAWA ZAWA
SFX: GAYA GAYA
... SHIT, WHAT KIND OF A PARENT IS THAT!?
YES, SIR!
... ONCE HE COMES OUTSIDE, ARREST HIM RIGHT AWAY ...
SURPRISINGLY, THE BOY BELIEVES THAT A METEORITE WILL HIT THIS STORE!
SFX: DOYO ZAWA GAYA ZAWA

SFX: TA
WHO!! GEEZER!!
HO HO HO. YOU'RE DOING WELL —!
SHIT!! GEEZER, COME OUT!!
SFX: DADADADADA
I WONDER IF YOU'LL BE OKAY— YOU ONLY HAVE ONE MINUTE LEFT
SHUSH !!
DID HE SAY IT'S FATE OR SOMETHING ..?
IT'S MY FIRST TIME SEEING SOMEONE WHO BELIEVES SO MUCH IN FORTUNE TELLING!!
SFX: ZAWA ZAWA
SFX: WAI WAI GAYA GAYA
HEE HEE! HE'S CRAZY
SFX: HEE HEE HEE
BRANCH
EVEN IF EVEYRONE ELSE SURVIVES BUT A KID DIES,
IT'LL CREATE A HORRIBLE AFTERMATH !!


40 SECONDS
6TH TOY SECTION
GOOD, 6TH FLOOR!!
BENCH
WHERE IS HE ...?
SFX: GAYA GAYA WAAH WAAH ZAWA ZAWA
SFX: DODODODODO
WHY DON'T YOU GO RESCUE HIM? YOSHIO-CHAN WILL BE KILLED!!
THERE, THERE, I FOUND YOU!! YOSHIO-CHAN, I'VE COME TO RESCUE YOU!!
?
SFX: ZAWA GAYA GAYA WAI ZAWA
OH SHUT UP! I DON'T HAVE TIME FOR YOUR BABBLINGS!!!
A MESSAGE TO THE CULPRIT !!
LOOK! THE CULPRIT HAS ARRIVED 6TH FLOOR!!

10 SECONDS
HOLD ON JUST A SECOND, KID!!
?
HEY, YOU GOTTA RUN QUICK
GO AWAY. I'M RISKING MY LIFE HERE!!
?
WHAT'RE YOU DOING...?
SFX: RUSTLE RUSTLE
HEY YOU! DON'T TRY-
5 SECONDS
どよ
どよ
ざわ
AAAAH, SHUT THE HELL UP!!!
4 SECONDS
HERE, GEEZER!
ポイ!
SFX: THROW!
3 SECONDS
HERE WE GO!!!
!!!
KYAA-AAH!
SFX: DAWN DOYO 2 NAI DOYO
SFX: AAAH HAAH HAAH

DAAH
!!!
!!
わっ
2 SECONDS
SFX: GYU
SFX: GYUN!
1 SECOND
SFX: BWA

4:44:44 PM
!
SPX BOING!

My score...
SAVE HIM!! CATCH HIM!!!
YOSHIO-CHAAAAAN !!!
!!!
!!! ... TH-THAT DUDE ...!!!
WHAT'S GOING ON!!?
... WELL DONE, BRAT...

SFX: STA!
!
すたっ
BRANCH
BRANCH
SHIT !!
YOSHIO-CHAAAN !!!

しーーーん
SFX SILENCE
HEY...
...YOU ALL RIGHT?
YOSHIO-CHAN!!
がばっ
SFX HUG
...YO...

SFX MURMUR
ザワッ…
パシ パシ
SFX PAT PAT
SFX SU
I'm glad you're safe, Yoshio-chan...
SFX GUOOO
... N-NO... OF COURSE NOT!!
ARRESTING ME?
Hahaha!
ゴォォォォォ
... WELL THEN!!
YOU SHOULD PROBABLY CALL THE FIRE TRUCK RIGHT AWAY
AH!? EH... AH AAAH
... WELL— AREN'T WE GLAD WE DIDN'T HAVE ANY CUSTOMER UP THERE FOR SOME REASON?
AH,IT THAT RIGHT, CEO?

THANK YOU SO MUCH FOR SAVING ME!!
IT'S FATE
SFX WAAAAH!!
わあーっ!!
SFX WAAAAH WAAAAH WAAAAH
IT WAS A GOOD DECISION
HO HO HO
That was good—!
Thank you—!
わ
わ
わ

HIS SKILL AS A PICKPOCKET IS ACTUALLY RATHER IMPRESSIVE...!
NOW WE CAN'T KILL HIM ANY MORE, CAN WE, GOD?
NOPE
わ
Prayer to Everywhere
SFX WAAAAH WAAAAH HYUUU! HYUUU! OOOH WHAAAA
THAT HE WOULD STEAL THE PEN!
I WOULDN'T HAVE IMAGINED
Happy ending, take that, slutty geezer
Aryan Jumps and lands on the ground with no injury
SFX TCH
SHOO THERE'S NOT MUCH IN HERE
wallet he stole from the CEO.
HRMM? ... I'VE NEVER ACTUALLY THOUGHT ABOUT IT
WERE YOU REALLY GOING TO ABANDON THEM?
BY THE WAY, GOD, WHAT WOULD YOU HAVE DONE WITH BRANCH! CUSTOMERS IF HE HADN'T DONE ANYTHING?

Null & KEFI Joint Project

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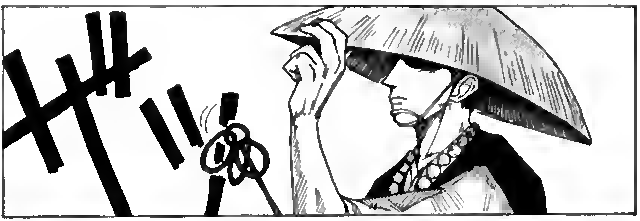
(those who do not exist.)
http://www.KEFI.org/
(Kinky Eutopia for Insomniac)

- A manga about fate. This is the first manga I drew with a storyline in my mind. Even now, when I re-read it, I think it's a masterpiece that was arranged very well. Anyway, I drew this thinking I wanted to draw the demolition of buildings.

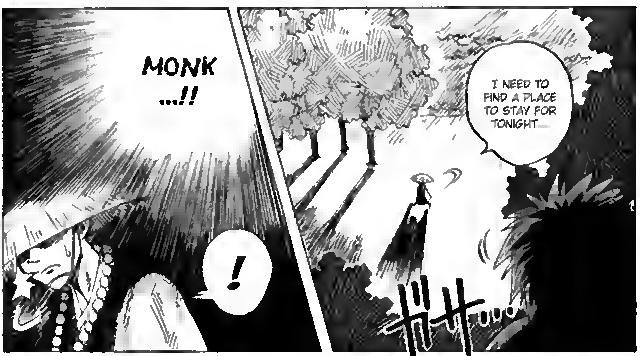
- I enjoy drawing demolition scenes and/or flashy scenes to begin with, and I think both the readers and the artist will find it refreshing. However, it's not like I actually have a desire to demolish something. I mean, if I try to demolish buildings in real life, the building owner probably would say, "don't do it." But no, probably it won't stop there. Maybe he'll say, "If you do it next time, I'll get angry —."

- Drawing powerful scenes has now become one of the themes in my manga.

- I was drawing this while attending college, driving school, and doing this and that. But I had a deadline, so I remember that I had to quit my part time job unwillingly. Even if it was for the manuscript, I still feel bad for the store people.



...
THE SUN IS ABOUT TO SET...


MONK ...!!
!
I NEED TO FIND A PLACE TO STAY FOR TONIGHT...
Hm...

ガサ
...!?
ガサ
WH-
WHO IS
IT!!?
UGA
AAA
AAH
GHOST
~~~!!!
AA
AAA
AAH
!!!
GHO..
GHO..
あああああああ
てぃゆん!
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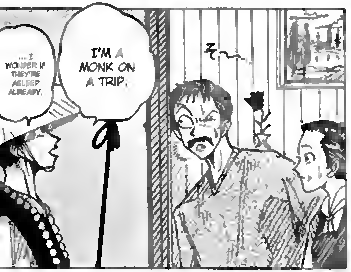
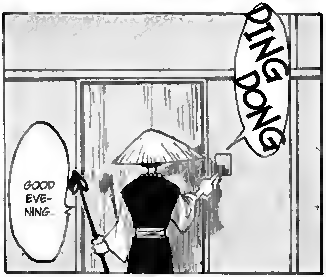
IKKI YAKŌ

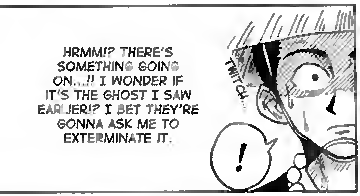
— ONCE UPON A TIME, THERE EXISTED AN ABLE MONK
WHO WAS OUT ON A JOURNEY TO EXTERMINATE MONSTERS

— DARN I DROPPED ALL THE FOOD THAT I GOT FROM YESTERDAY'S INN!
IT WAS DARK AND I COULDN'T SEE WELL. BUT WHAT WAS THAT JUST NOW?
HAA HAA ZEH ZEH ARGH THAT WAS SCARY !
...
I GOT OUT OF THE FOREST AND IT'S NIGHT ALREADY !
GUKOU
OCCUPATION MONK
I WONDER
I DON'T WANT TO CAMP IN A PLACE LIKE THIS THOUGH
HRM!?
IS THAT A VILLAGE OVER THERE!?

EXCUSE ME.
コン コン!


I'M A MONK ON A TRIP.
...I WONDER IF THEY'RE ALREADY ASLEEP.


DING DONG
GOOD EVE-NING.


HRMM!? THERE'S SOMETHING GOING ON...!? I WONDER IF IT'S THE GHOST I SAW EARLIER!? I BET THEY'RE GONNA ASK ME TO EXTERMINATE IT.
TWITCH
!

OOH!! YOU'RE A MONK!? THANK HEAVENS !!

YOU'RE LOOKING FOR A PLACE TO STAY FOR TONIGHT, AREN'T YOU!? PLEASE STAY AT OUR PLACE TONIGHT!
YES, PLEASE STAY WITH US.

AND THEN THE NEXT MORNING THE VILLAGERS CAME OVER AND BEGGED ME TO EXTERMINATE THE GHOSTS——
WH-WHAT SHOULD I DO? IT'S REALLY TEMPTING... BUT IT'S ANNOYING IF I STAYED HERE OVERNIGHT

IS THERE ANY OLD TEMPLE AROUND HERE?
THANK YOU FOR YOUR KIND WORD BUT I'M GOING THROUGH MY ASCETIC PRACTICES

HELLO, SIR?
EH?
AH, YEAH

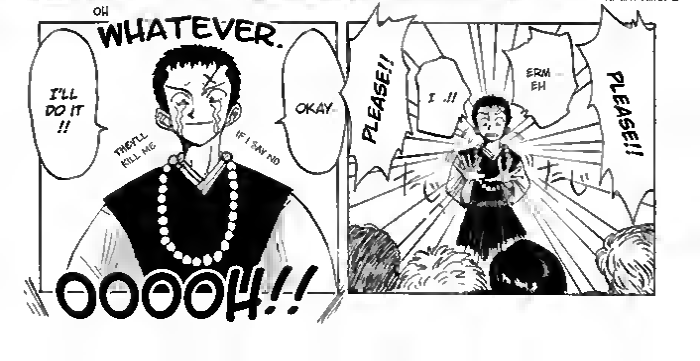
A MONK, YOU SAID!?
WHAT!? A MONK!?
A MONK IS HERE FOR US!!

BAD HUNCH

EXCUSE ME!! A-AREN'T YOU A MONK!?
EH?

---- I-IT'S SCARY HERE...!
SHIVER
SHIVER
TEMPLE TSUNAMI
I SHOULD'VE JUST ACCEPTED THEIR OFFER AND STAYED THERE...!
オオオオオ
ウオオオ

PLEASE, PLEASE, PLEASE EXTERMINATE THAT MONSTER! DEAR MONK!!
THAT'S RIGHT !!
AS LONG AS HE'S AROUND, WE CAN'T WALK IN THE FOREST SAFELY!!
ALL OF MY BAD HUNCHES CAME TRUE TOO...
FINISH THAT MAN'S STEP OFF
YES YES
MIGHTMARE BEFORE


OH
WHATEVER.
I'LL DO IT !!
THEY'LL KILL ME
IF I SAY NO
OKAY
OOOOH!!
PLEASE!!
I ..!!
ERM EH
PLEASE!!!

AH, IS THAT SO..?
BUT MR MAYOR, THE MONK SAID HE'S GOING THROUGH HIS ASCETIC PRACTICES AND IS GOING TO STAY AT AN OLD TEMPLE
Y-YES, THAT'S RIGHT
I'M GLAD TO HEAR THAT. THEN, PLEASE COME STAY OVER AT MY PLACE TONIGHT
AH TH-THAT'D HELP ME A LO-
HEL
IS A "CANNIBAL" ...
ブル ブル
ガタ ガタ
— AND WHAT MAKES IT WORSE IS THE FACT THAT THE MONSTER
— IT'S DARK AND SCARY INSIDE THIS TEMPLE
!
TWITCH
...!!

!!
EEEK !?
UWAH ~~~!!

A-AND, YEAH, I SERVE BUDDHA SO IF YOU EAT ME, MAYBE YOU'LL SUFFER FROM..!!
AND FOR SOME REASON, I TAKE A LOT OF CALCIUMS, SO MY BONES ARE REALLY HARD!!
WAY PLEASE
I'M SKINNY AND I DON'T REALLY EXERCISE, SO MY MEAT ISN'T FIRM.
I... I'M NOT DELICIOUS AT ALL!! FOR REAL !!
THAT'S MY HOUSE THERE...
MAKE WAY, PLEASE
HUH?
WHA ...!?
!
YES...
AH— YOU MEAN— YOU LIVE IN THIS TEMPLE?

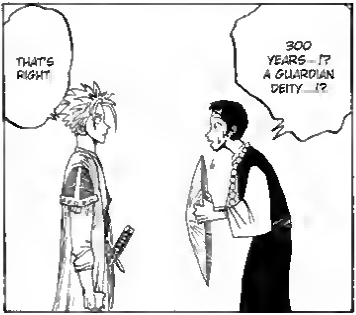
HRM?
WHAT?
...!?
...??
...!!

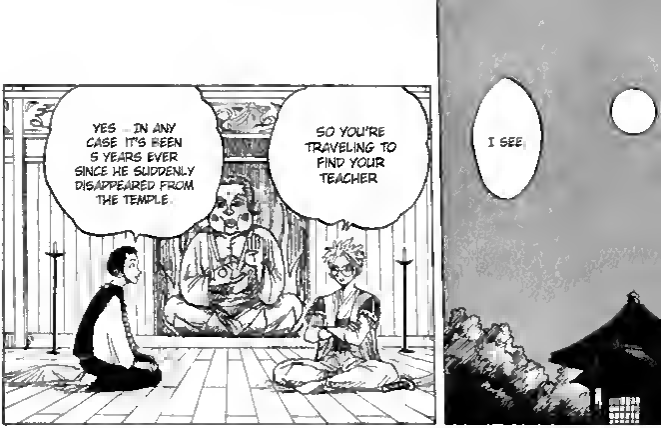
SIGH...
AH—, I'M TIRED...
カリ〜ン

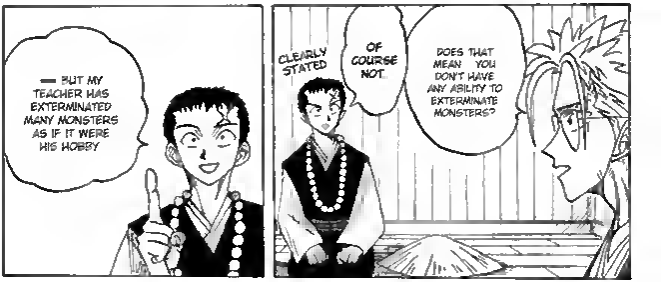
IT'S BEEN 300 YEARS OR SO
I'M A GUARDIAN DEITY OF THIS TEMPLE

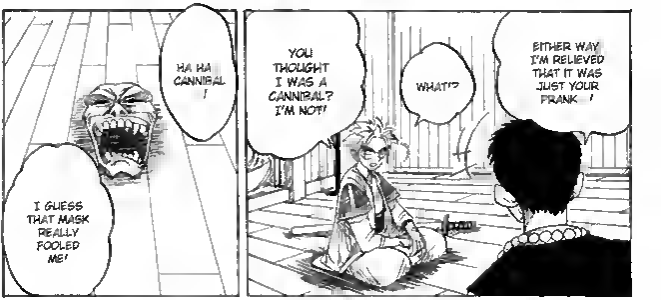
YOU... WHAT ARE YOU...?
ME?

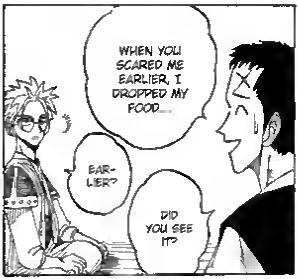
IT'S BEEN BORING LATELY SO I'VE BEEN SCARING HUMANS FOR FUN
AH. THIS...?
WHAT ABOUT THAT MASK!?
HA HA HA.


THAT'S RIGHT
300 YEARS—!? A GUARDIAN DEITY—!?


I SEE.
SO YOU'RE TRAVELING TO FIND YOUR TEACHER
YES ... IN ANY CASE IT'S BEEN 5 YEARS EVER SINCE HE SUDDENLY DISAPPEARED FROM THE TEMPLE.


DOES THAT MEAN YOU DON'T HAVE ANY ABILITY TO EXTERMINATE MONSTERS?
OF COURSE NOT.
CLEARLY STATED
— BUT MY TEACHER HAS EXTERMINATED MANY MONSTERS AS IF IT WERE HIS HOBBY


EITHER WAY I'M RELIEVED THAT IT WAS JUST YOUR PRANK !
WHAT!?
YOU THOUGHT I WAS A CANNIBAL? I'M NOT!
HA HA CANNIBAL !
I GUESS THAT MASK REALLY FOOLED ME!


WHEN YOU SCARED ME EARLIER, I DROPPED MY FOOD...
EAR-LIER?
DID YOU SEE IT?

NOW THAT I'M RELIEVED I'M HUNGRY
OH YEAH
GYURURU

OH, PLEASE
THIS EVE-NING?
DID YOU FORGET ALREADY? EARLIER THIS EVENING

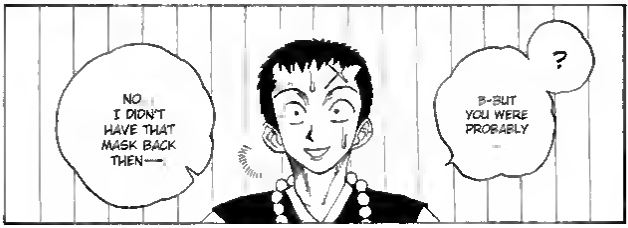
WHAT DO YOU MEAN
BY "EAR-LIER"?

HA HA HA HA HA HA HA HA.
HA
LATELY I'VE BEEN FORGETTING THINGS EASILY

I DID SCARE SOMEONE IN THE WEST FOREST THIS EVENING.
AH! JUST NOW, RIGHT? I REMEMBER. I REMEMBER.
POW
YOU DID, YOU DID.

DON'T TELL ME THINGS
BUT I WAS IN THE EAST FOREST EARLIER —NO!!

WHEN HE CAME HERE BEFORE HE WAS ASKED TO EXTERMINATE A CANNIBAL, TOO
I WONDER IF THAT IS TRUE—
I HAD A MONK FRIEND


NO I DIDN'T HAVE THAT MASK BACK THEN—
B-BUT YOU WERE PROBABLY
?

A CANNI-BAL
TH-THERE'S WHAT ??

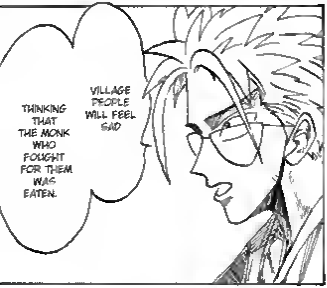
THERE'S PROBABLY ONE
— YOU MEAN ...?

GUARDIAN DEITIES ARE GODS TOO WE CAN'T LEND A HAND TO HUMANS
CAN'T
W-WOULD YOU HELP ME?

OTHER-WISE YOU'LL BE EATEN.
B-BUT... I... EX-TERMINATE ...?

YOU GONNA RUIN?

IF THAT'S THE CASE...
YOSH!


THINKING THAT THE MONK WHO FOUGHT FOR THEM WAS EATEN.
VILLAGE PEOPLE WILL FEEL SAD

IT'S PRETTY OBVIOUS
HOW DID YOU KNOW IT?
WHAT?
STARTLED

I'LL JUST BE WASTING MY LIFE!!
IF IT CAN UNDERSTAND SUTRA, MAYBE, BUT IT'S JUST A MONSTER!!
YOU SAY THAT, BUT THE OPPONENT IS A CANNIBAL!!

WHAT A COWARD
...
I FEEL BAD FOR THE VILLAGE PEOPLE BUT I'LL LET THEM BELIEVE THAT I'M EATEN
ALL I HAVE TO DO NOW IS TO LEAVE THIS FOREST IMMEDIATELY!
BUT STILL...
WHAT A CREEPY FOREST!

I HATE... MONKS ...!!!
IT'S THE MONSTER FROM EARLIER THIS EVENING ...!!
...!! IT'S... HERE...
...!

I CAN'T DIE IN SUCH A PLACE!!!
!! IS HE JUMPING THROUGH THE TREES!?
WHAT KIND OF MONSTER IS IT!!?
HE WON'T BE ABLE TO FOLLOW MY SPEED!!
BUT!

HE'S TOO HASTY
...
HE DIDN'T HAVE TO START RUNNING AWAY IN THE MIDDLE OF NIGHT
ZEH ZEH
HAA... HAA
...
DID I LOSE HIM...?
HAA... HAA... I CAN'T RUN ANY MORE...!
...
SIGH

!!
!!
UGA
AAA
AAH
!!!

UHIE.
WH-WHAT AN AMAZING POWER...!!
グッ
ジワ
...!?
UHIE HIE.
ミシ ミシ...
KU...
ばっ
NGAH ...!!
ガッ...
グッ...
UHIE.
!! DARN THIS ISN'T GOOD WHAT SHOULD I DO?
HAA ! HAA...!

ORYAH !!
GUAA AAA AH !!!
HIEEK!!
NU-OOH !!
UHE.

KU!!
...!!!
GYA-
AA-
AH
!!!
...
SHIT!
SHIIT...!!
I'VE GOTTA
RUN...
OR I'LL BE
EATEN!!
...!!
STOP
!
WAIT
!!
UGA
AAA
AAH
!!!

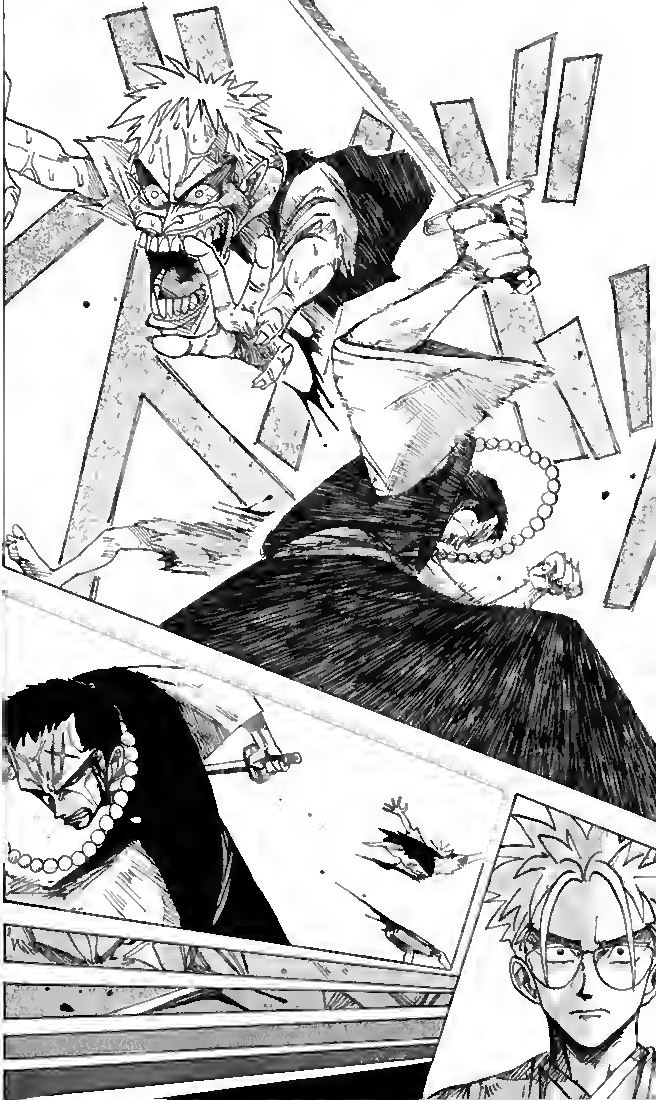
THAT'S WHY I HATE! — UHIE.
THAT YOU HATE MONKS.
AGAIN ...!
!
YOU'RE JUST THE SAME AS THE OTHER GUY FROM BEFORE... UHIE HIE.
I'LL LISTEN TO YOU.
YOU SAID EARLIER...
YOU CAN... UNDERSTAND WHAT I SAY, RIGHT!?
HE WAS ASKED BY THE VILLAGE PEOPLE, UHIE HIE
MY MONK FRIEND WAS ASKED TO EXTERMINATE A CANNIBAL.
A MONK CAME TO ME ONCE BEFORE. UHIE HIE
THE OTHER GUY FROM BEFORE!?
UHIE HIE HIE HIE HIE
THAT'S WHY I ATE HIM
I ATE HIM.
!!
AND WHEN I WAS OFF GUARD... I NEARLY GOT KILLED. UHIE UHIE HIE.
HE TALKED TO ME LIKE YOU

SAY
THAT MONK'S NAME ..!!
UHIE HIE!! I KNOW.. I KNOW YOU!!
WHAT !?
!
ALL BECAUSE OF YOU, UHIE HIE. BECAUSE OF YOU, LATELY, I HAVEN'T BEEN ABLE TO EAT HUMANS!!
BECAUSE YOU SCARE THEM OFF UHIE.
LOOKING AT YOU CLOSELY THAT OUTFIT IS.
THIS OUTFIT? I TOOK IT FROM THAT MONK ..
LEMME SEE... THERE WAS A WRITING AROUND HERE...
...
!
恒心
* WRITING: KOUSHIN

!! KOUSHIN
... HE WAS EATEN!? ...!!
BY SUCH A CREATURE !!?
UHIE...!? YOUR FRIEND'S NAME!? YOU WERE FRIENDS WITH HIM!?
UHIE
UHIE HIE HIE. I ATE HIM. I ATE HIM.
うひひひ
UHIE UHIE UHIE. HE DIDN'T TASTE THAT GOOOOD
ばっ
!?
BAS-TARD !!!
びたっ
IT ISN'T GOOD FOR YOU TO KILL OTHERS IN HUMAN WORLD IS IT !?
YOU'RE A GUARDIAN DEITY
!
WHAT ARE YOU ..!?
?

YOUR FRIEND WAS...
—I GUESS
!... WHAT ...!?
... THE PERSON I WAS LOOKING FOR !
GRIND
MY TEACHER ...
— KOUSHIN IS...
UGA AAA LAH !!!
LET ME BORROW YOUR SWORD...
...!!

UGA AAAA AAAH !!!
バキ
...!?
グッ
...!! WHY...
WHY DID MY TEACHER HAVE TO BE KILLED BY A MONSTER LIKE YOU!!?
!?



I DID HEAR RUMORS ABOUT IT THOUGH.
WHO KNOWS...? LAST NIGHT WAS THE FIRST TIME I SAW THAT CANNIBAL, TOO.
HAVE YOU BEEN GOING AROUND AT NIGHT
BECAUSE YOU KNOW ABOUT IT?
ONCE UPON A TIME, THERE EXISTED AN ABLE MONK WHO WAS OUT ON A JOURNEY TO EXTERMINATE MONSTERS...
CAN
CAN IT?
EH?
HE HAD NEVER DISCLOSED HIS NAME
A FAREWELL GIFT FOR YOU. TAKE IT
BUT WHOEVER WAS SAVED BY HIM SAID
STOP BY ONCE IN A WHILE
THEN
OKAY!
"HE HAD A SCAR ON HIS FOREHEAD AND POSSESSED A SWORD EVEN THOUGH HE WAS A MONK."
ALL RIGHT

- A monk manga. I suddenly had an urge to draw a fighting monk. ~~Strip~~ Stoic monks are the messengers of justice whose enemies are the villains who corrupt this world; that's why I thought they would be true heroes. I didn't think any of these back then; All I had in mind was "Ah, a fighting monk sounds good" and started drawing.

- About the cannibals, aka Hito-kui (man eater): Since a monk is the one fighting, I wanted his enemy to be monster-like. There's a reason I chose a "cannibal" for it: the awesomeness of its name. It's similar to "shepherd" (hitsuji-kai, sheep keeper), "artist" (e-kaki, drawing person), "fish seller" (sakana-uri), "dish washer" (sara-arai), "ship rider" (funa-nori), "door-to-door salesman" (oshi-uri), "wizard" (mahou-tsukai), "sumo wrestler" (sumo-tori), etc... MEANING: people who are named after what they actually do!! They're nouns, but at the same time, they are also verbs (in Japanese). It's someone's title, but it's nothing serious. In fact, they're rather relaxing. "Man eater"; doesn't that sound rather relaxing? Eeeh, so that's how it was decided.

- The universe works as a whole. The natural movement of the moon and/or sun in a day is quiet but powerful enough to touch people's hearts. I love flashy scenes, but I also love sceneries, so I think I'll treasure that as well from now on.

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THE HORN WHICH WAS SAID TO HOLD MYSTERIOUS POWERS
A DRAGON'S HORN WAS STOLEN
TEN YEARS BEFORE THE PRESENT TIME
THE SOLDIERS ON GUARD WERE ALL KILLED AND THE INCIDENT FADED INTO THE DARKNESS
IT WAS A UNIQUE RELIC THAT HAD NEVER EXISTED ANY-WHERE ELSE
MONSTERS
PRESENT TIME
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SHIRANO? THAT SHIRANO!?
HEY, I HEARD THAT SHIRANO IS IN THIS TOWN RIGHT NOW
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I WILL NEVER DIE AT A PLACE LIKE THIS...
THIS TOWN LACKS LOVE...
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GAH!
DON'T EAT HERE IF YOU CAN'T PAY!!

THAT SWORDSMAN WHO IS SAID TO BE AS GREAT AS THE KING HIMSELF...
WHOA
IT'S SHIRANO-SAN
RESTAURANT
FLARE
JOB: WAITRESS
I THOUGHT I WOULD NEVER SEE YOU AGAIN
IT'S BEEN A LONG TIME, SHIRANO-SAN!
YEAH... I DIDN'T EXPECT TO SEE YOU HERE
LOOKS LIKE YOU'RE DOING WELL
I ALMOST DIDN'T RECOGNIZE YOU FROM 7 YEARS AGO
SHIRANO
JOB: MASTER SWORDSMAN

MONSTERS
—IN THIS PEACEFUL AGE,
THE ONE "TERROR" IN THE SKY WAS STIRRING UP EVERYONE'S COMFORT
THE "TERROR" WHICH SIGNIFIED THE ABSOLUTE DESTRUCTION OF A PLACE—
THE APPEARANCE OF A DRAGON

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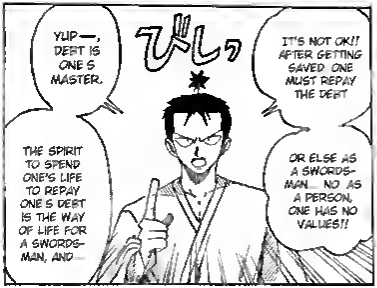
AFTER 5 DAYS OF STARVATION, THE TASTE OF FOOD IS AT A COMPLETELY DIFFERENT LEVEL!!
AHA~~~!! I ATE, I ATE, I ATE.
RYUMA
JOB: SAMURAI


YUP—, DEBT IS ONE'S MASTER.
IT'S NOT OK!! AFTER GETTING SAVED ONE MUST REPAY THE DEBT
THE SPIRIT TO SPEND ONE'S LIFE TO REPAY ONE'S DEBT IS THE WAY OF LIFE FOR A SWORDSMAN, AND...
OR ELSE AS A SWORDSMAN... NO AS A PERSON, ONE HAS NO VALUES!!

THAT'S OK
I WILL REPAY THIS DEBT EVEN IF IT COSTS MY LIFE
THANK YOU VERY MUCH FOR THE FOOD

CLINK!

TAKE CARE.
WE'LL MEET AGAIN
RESTAURANT
YEAH... I'M ON AN URGENT JOURNEY
OH? YOU'RE LEAVING ALREADY, SHIRANO-SAN?
Hack!
She ignored me!?

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HOLD ON A SECOND, MUSTACHE MAN!!!
SORRY IT WASN'T INTENTIONAL
TOUCHING OF SHEATHES, HUH
PLEASE DON'T GET UPSET OVER IT
HEY... WAIT...
— JUST NOW...
YOUR SHEATH AND MINE TOUCHED
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THE TOUCHING OF SHEATHES MEANS A CHALLENGE FOR A DUEL!!
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IF YOU KNOW THAT, THEN SAYING "IT WAS MY MISTAKE" ISN'T ENOUGH.
... I HOPE YOU'RE READY FOR THE CONSEQUENCES.
THE SWORD IS A SWORDSMAN'S LIFE!!

STOP IT!!!
HE'LL DIE FOR SURE.
THAT'S RASH!!
AGAINST SHIRANO-SAN...!?
DRAW YOUR SWORD!!!
YOU'LL HAVE TO FIGHT ME!!!
HMM... NICE FORM.
NUOO.
!?
HEH?

.....!
Ahh
Good job
H-HEY MASTER ISN'T THAT STATUE...
Ahh
I'm not a statue!
Whoa

Aak! It's cut!

Whooa..
YOU LOST...
WHAT !?

...!!

DON'T JOKE AROUND!! THIS IS A MAN'S DUEL TO THE DEATH!!
IT DOESN'T END TILL ONE OF US IS DEAD !!!

...IT'S SUPPOSED TO BE MADE OF COPPER.
YES...
BUT I DIDN'T KNOW YOU COULD CUT IT... WITH A SWORD...

AS YOU WISH, MY SAVIOR

STOP IT!!

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JOB THIRD RATE SWORDSMAN
AND WAS ANNIHI-LATED OVERNIGHT
A SMALL VILLAGE SURROUNDED BY MOUNTAINS WAS SUDDENLY ATTACKED BY A DRAGON
HRMM. ? I'VE HEARD OF... IT... MAYBE
HAVE YOU HEARD OF THE "GREAT SURPRISE ATTACK" THAT HAPPENED 7 YEARS AGO?
NEVER HEARD OF HIM.
SHI-RANO?

IT WAS THE INCIDENT THAT INSTILLED THE FEAR OF DRAGONS BACK INTO THE WORLD
SINCE IT HAPPENED SUDDENLY AT THE WORST PLACE AND AT THE WORST POSSIBLE MOMENT...
PEOPLE FROM THE SURROUNDING VILLAGES COULDN'T DO ANYTHING ABOUT IT.
ONE SWORDSMAN APPEARED CARRYING A CHILD
AND EMERGED FROM THE ASHES OF THE TOWN.
EVERYONE THOUGHT THAT THERE WERE NO SURVIVORS
BUT THAT WAS WHEN
THAT WAS SHIRANO WHO WAS ALREADY RENOWNED AS A GREAT SWORDSMAN
ALL BY HIMSELF, HE WENT INTO THE FIERY TOWN THAT NOBODY ELSE COULD APPROACH AND FOUGHT THE DRAGON
WAS TO SAVE THIS CHILD...!!
ALL I COULD DO...

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IS HER
THE ONLY VILLAGE SURVIVOR, THE CHILD THAT WAS SAVED.
EH!?
IT WAS A MIRACLE TO HAVE TWO SURVIVORS FROM THAT TOWN SURROUNDED BY BURNING MOUNTAINS
AND TRIED TO SAVE THE TOWNS-PEOPLE
IT'S SAID HIS SKILLS WITH THE SWORD ARE SECOND ONLY TO THE GREAT SWORDSMAN KING
SHIRANO-SAN IS A MODEL SWORDS-MAN AMONG OTHERS
WHOA, THE KING!?
HER !?
I HEARD HE DOESN'T APPEAR IN FRONT OF PEOPLE VERY OFTEN
HA HA HA, BUT YOU DON'T KNOW WHAT HE LOOKS LIKE, RIGHT?
KEEP IT BETWEEN US BUT I'M HOPING TO FIGHT AGAINST HIM ONE DAY !
— BUT WHAT IS THIS "WARRIOR'S SOUL" YOU'RE TALKING ABOUT?
THE KING HUH... HE HOLDS THE REPUTATION OF BEING THE STRONGEST IN THE WORLD, TOO
HE PROBABLY HAS A GREAT "WARRIOR'S SOUL" IN HIS HEART

I CAN'T BELIEVE THAT I WAS ABOUT TO DIE A LITTLE WHILE AGO!
MY BELLY'S FULL AND MY STEPS ARE LIGHT
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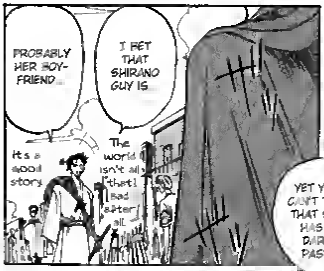
PROBABLY HER BOY-FRIEND...
I BET THAT SHIRANO GUY IS...
It's a good story.
The world isn't all that bad after all.

THAT'S AN ADMIRABLE GIRL
SHE'S THE ONLY SURVIVOR FROM HER VILLAGE
YET YOU CAN'T TELL THAT SHE HAS A DARK PAST.

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CLINK...!
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...LE-...
LET GO OF ME WHAT DID I DO TO YOU.!?
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WAIT UP!!!
HIEE!! WH-WHO ARE YOU!!?
KYAAAAH !!
GYAAH !!!
HAA.!! WHY!? WHAT DID I.!?
WHA?
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HEY WAIT A SECOND I DIDN'T
BASTARD, WHY DID YOU STAB ME!!?
DAMN!

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YOU THOUGHT YOU WOULD GET THIS IF YOU KILLED ME, HUH!?
!! WELL, YOU THOUGHT WRONG !!!!
YOU DIRTY BASTARD!! STABBING ME ALL OF A SUDDEN!!
BUT I'M NOT GIVING YOU THIS NO MATTER WHAT!!!!
COULD IT BE... I KNOW! YOU KNEW ABOUT IT, HUH!?
THAT'S WHAT YOU WANTED !!!
I'M NOT DYING ALONE!!
I'LL TAKE THE WHOLE TOWN WITH ME!!!!!
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I'LL TAKE YOU WITH ME!! ... NO...
CUT IT OUT ALREADY, WHAT DID I...
I'M NOT GIVING YOU THE DRAGON'S HORN !!!!

D-DRAGON'S HORN...
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HE SAID DRAGON'S HORN JUST NOW, RIGHT!?
THE ONE THAT WAS STOLEN 10 YEARS AGO...!?
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YOU MEAN, THE HORN THAT ALLOWS YOU TO...
CONTROL DRAGONS!?
HEY HEY HEY HEY, WAIT A SECOND!!
HE DID IT!!! HE'S BLOWN THE DRAGON'S HORN.!!!
THAT MEANS...!!
NO... IT'S PROBABLY A FAKE...!!
EVEN IF IT'S REAL, WE HAVE THAT HORN SO WE CAN JUST...
IT'S REAL
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...!?
IT'S UP TO YOU WHETHER OR NOT TO BELIEVE ME...!! BUT THIS IS
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THUD..
HE SUMMONED A DRAGON !!!!
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THIS TOWN'S OVER.
IT'S ALL OVER!!
HURRY, RUN TO THE HILLS !!!
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RUUUN !!!
A DRAGON'S COMING !!
FUDOSAN

IF YOU HURT SOMEONE WHO HAS THAT HORN, YOU SHOULD KNOW THAT THIS IS BOUND TO HAPPEN!!!!
WHO THE HECK ARE YOU ANYWAY!!?
YOU'RE THE CULPRIT!!! WHAT WERE YOU THINKING!?
SHIT !!!
WHY IS IT OVER ...?
WHAT'S GOING ON...!?
THESE GUYS AREN'T MAKING SENSE. WHAT'S GOING ON...
RESTAURANT
AH!
H-HEY YOU!!! HELP ME!!
HOLD ON, I REALLY DIDN'T DO ANY-..!!
KO-N
DWA !!
FLARE-CHAN...
IT WAS YOU!?
LIKE I'VE BEEN SAYING, I...

— WHAT THE HECK !?
WHAT ARE YOU—
IF I KNEW YOU WERE THIS KIND OF GUY I WOULD'VE NEVER SAVED YOU
YOU SHOULD'VE JUST STARVED YOURSELF TO DEATH!! A MURDERER!!
EVEN IF YOU'RE MY SAVIOR, THAT'S RUDE!!! COMMIT HARAKIRI !!!
WHAT DO YOU MEAN BY A MURDERER !?
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YOU WOULDN'T DARE TO DO THINGS LIKE THIS !! YOU
NO MATTER HOW WICKED YOU ARE ONCE YOU'VE SEEN THE DRAGON
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SHUT UP!!
YOU JUST DON'T KNOW HOW SCARY A DRAGON IS!!
AS LONG AS THAT HORN ISN'T FAKE, THE DRAGON WILL SURELY COME!!!
HE'S RIGHT HARAKIRI WOULDN'T COMFORT US AT ALL!!
RESPONSIBILITY!? DON'T MAKE ME LAUGH!! HOW CAN YOU TAKE RESPONSIBILITY!!?
I SAID I DIDN'T INTEND TO TAKE IT!!
BUT YOU'RE NOT MAKING ANY SENSE!
I DON'T KNOW WHAT'S GOING ON
AND I DON'T INTEND TO TAKE ANY RESPONSIBILITY EITHER!

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UNFORTUNATELY
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THIS HORN'S REAL
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THIS IS INDEED THE DRAGON'S HORN
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THAT WAS STOLEN AT THAT TIME
TEN YEARS AGO, THE MEN WHO WERE KILLED GUARDING THIS HORN
WERE ALL MEMBERS OF THE GROUP I WAS LEADING...
THEY WERE MY SUBORDINATES
SHIRANO-SAN...
MUSTACHE MAN
THE DRAGON?
WILL YOU LET ME FIGHT
...!
EVEN IF YOU BLAME HIM, THE DRAGON WILL MOST DEFINITELY COME HERE.
I FEEL OVERWHELMED ...!!
EVERY TIME I THINK WHY I WASN'T THERE,

I'VE NEVER HEARD OF ANYONE BEATING A DRAGON!!
EVEN FOR SHIRANO-SAN, IT'S IMPOS-SIBLE.
WAIT A MINUTE, EVERYONE, THAT'S CRAZY!!
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カチン!
I LET YOU GUYS TALK AND LOOK
KSHA
YOU SHOULD JUST COMMIT HARAKIRI JUST CUT YOUR STOMACH ANYWAY!!
MURDERER !!!
THAT'S RIGHT!! YOU'RE AN OUTSIDER AND A MURDERER!!! YOU'RE THE WORST!!!
IT'S YOUR FAULT THAT THIS HAPPENED STOP COMPLAINING ABOUT OTHER PEOPLE
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ALL RIGHT! GET OUT OF TOWN, EVERYONE!!
THE DRAGON'S COMING SOON
WHO'S DOING THAT !!?
HARAKIRI IS FOOLISH. IT'S JUST A WAY TO ELUDE
STOP IT
PLEASE FORGIVE ME...!!
RESTAURANT
SHI-RANO-SAN
IF I LOSE... IF I DIE...
I'LL PUT EVERYTHING INTO IT BUT I DON'T KNOW IF I CAN PROTECT THIS VILLAGE
SHI-RANO-SAN

RESTAURANT
EVERYONE HAS RUN AWAY!
SHUT UP!
HEY
レストラン
RESTAURANT
ジェラール
Gérard
IS A DRAGON REALLY THAT SCARY...?
I HEARD THAT THE MUSTACHE MAN IS SUPPOSEDLY A PRETTY FAMOUS SWORDSMAN TOO
YOU SURVIVED THE GREAT SURPRISE ATTACK
I HEARD THAT...

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HEY.
TAVERN
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HE'S TAKING RESPONSIBILITY ALL BY HIMSELF TO PROTECT A LOW-LIFE LIKE YOU.
SHIRANO-SAN'S THINKING OF DYING FOR THIS VILLAGE.
TURN AROUND
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DON'T
AND LEAVE THE VILLAGE
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… DON'T!
DON'T LOOK.
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SHIRANO-SAN!?
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AND... THE GUY FROM EARLIER ...!!
I'LL PUT EVERYTHING INTO IT BUT I DON'T KNOW IF I CAN PROTECT THIS VILLAGE.
THEY'RE SO PITIFUL I CAN'T EVEN FIND WORDS TO COMFORT YOU... I GIVE IT UP...
HOW LOW ARE THEY TO STEAL DURING A CRISIS ...!?
DON'T JUST STAND THERE.
THEY'LL KILL YOU IF THEY FIND YOU.
NO WAY ...
IF I LOSE... IF I DIE...
PLEASE FORGIVE ME...!!

GYA HA HA HA HA HA HA!
WHEN I TOUCHED SHEATHES WITH HIM LIKE YOU SAID, HE SAID "WAIT—"!
HEEE HEE HEE HEE HEE THAT SAMURAI MAKES ME LAUGH!!
FOR REAL!? THERE'S NOT MANY PEOPLE WHO GET THEIR TOWN DESTROYED BY A DRAGON TWICE. HOW UNFORTUNATE
AND SHE SAID SHE WAS HAPPY TO SEE ME
SPEAKING OF THINGS THAT BRAT FROM SEVEN YEARS AGO WAS IN THIS TOWN
GHA HA HA HA HA.
WE CAN LIVE A GOOD LIFE FOR ANOTHER TEN YEARS OR MAYBE TWENTY FIVE YEARS FROM THE LOOKS OF IT
with this dragon's horn
THANKS TO HIM WE CAN STEAL AS MUCH AS WE WANT LIKE 7 YEARS AGO AND HAVE THE DRAGON DESTROY THE TOWN
EVEN IF WE ACTED BACK THEN, IT PROBABLY WOULDN'T HAVE TURNED OUT GOOD ANYWAY.
WE DON'T NEED A SURPRISE ATTACK LIKE THAT OTHER TIME AND BOTHER KILLING PEOPLE ANY MORE!
I'M NOW A MODEL SWORDSMAN BECAUSE OF HER TOO

INCINER-ATE IT!!
HYAAA HA HA HA HA HA!!
BURN IT UP!!!
SHIT!! OUR TOWN!!
WHY IS THE DRAGON ...!?
WAKE UP, EVERYONE! RUUUN!!
IT'S A DRAGON ~~~!!
THIS TOWN'S SUR-ROUNDED BY MOUN-TAINS!!
WE CAN'T LEAVE LIKE THIS!!
WHAT'S GOING ON...!? THE FOREST... AND THE MOUNTAINS ARE BURNING!!

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GYAAAAH
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YOU DON'T NEED TO LEAVE
THIS WHOLE SURPRISE ATTACK WILL DISAPPEAR SHROUDED IN MYSTERY
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PLEASE ... SAVE THEM...
DADDY AND MOMMY ... ARE TRAPPED UNDER THE HOUSE ...!!
... SAVE ME...
... SOMEONE ...!!
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GWAH
YOU FOUND SOME-ONE…
F-FLARE…
EXCUSE ME… BUT CAN YOU PLEASE LEND ME A HAND…?
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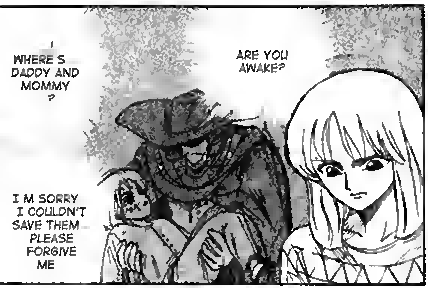
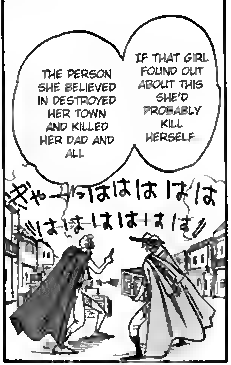
WE PUT IN EFFORT TO DESTROY THIS VILLAGE… AND WE GOT A LOT OF MONEY FROM IT, TOO
D R, TAKE THE TREASURE AND RETREAT FIRST.
HUH!?
I WANT TO EARN SOME PRESTIGE…
BUT TO TOP IT OFF,


WHERE'S DADDY AND MOMMY?
ARE YOU AWAKE?
I'M SORRY I COULDN'T SAVE THEM... PLEASE FORGIVE ME


IF THAT GIRL FOUND OUT ABOUT THIS SHE'D PROBABLY KILL HERSELF
THE PERSON SHE BELIEVED IN DESTROYED HER TOWN AND KILLED HER DAD AND ALL
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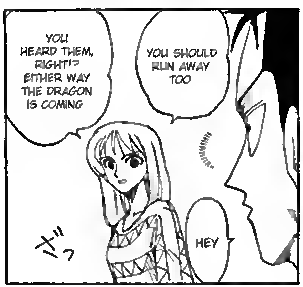
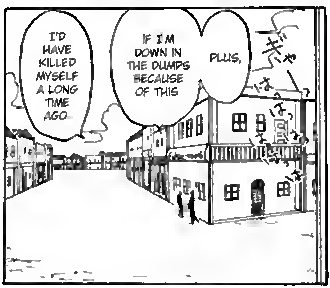
I SAID A LOT OF BAD THINGS TO YOU CALLING YOU A MURDERER
! SO THAT'S WHAT HAPPENED

EVEN IF I'M DOWN, THEY'LL JUST MAKE FUN OF ME
YOU DON'T SEEM TO BE TOO DOWN
HE MAKES ME MAD!!


YOU HEARD THEM, RIGHT!? EITHER WAY THE DRAGON IS COMING
YOU SHOULD RUN AWAY TOO
HEY


I'D HAVE KILLED MYSELF A LONG TIME AGO
IF I'M DOWN IN THE DUMPS BECAUSE OF THIS
PLUS,

バタン…
LOOK AT HER...
SHE DIDN'T RUN AWAY.
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... UGH.
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FU.. !!

TURN
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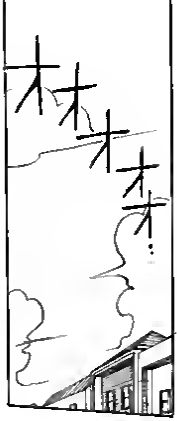
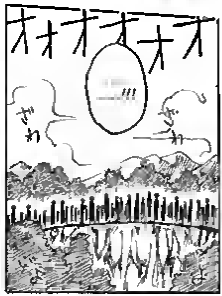
THIS VILLAGE YET...
BUT WE HAVEN'T CLEANED OUT
IT LOOKS LIKE THE DRAGON'S FINALLY HERE



SHIT!! WHY IS OUR TOWN...!?
ALL WE CAN DO IS COUNT ON SHIRANO-SAN NOW
IT'S HERE...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IN SHIRANO-SAN...
LET'S BELIEVE

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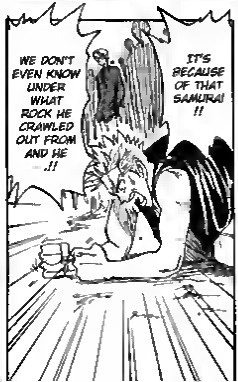
WE DON'T EVEN KNOW UNDER WHAT ROCK HE CRAWLED OUT FROM AND HE...!!
IT'S BECAUSE OF THAT SAMURAI!!

SLASH
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ANY GUY WHO TOUCHES SHEATHES SO EASILY
IS A SURE SIGN THAT HE LACKS A "WARRIOR'S SOUL"
I DIDN'T IMAGINE THERE WAS STILL SOMEONE IN THIS TOWN!!
SO YOU FOUND OUT, HUH!?
BWA HA HA HA HA!!
YOU'RE CORRECT, YOU'RE CORRECT. EXACTLY AS YOU SAY!!
I'M ACTUALLY A BAD GUY
I HAVE NO INTENTION OF FIGHTING FOR SOCIETY NOR OTHER PEOPLE.
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YEAH!! SHIRANO-SAN WILL FINISH OFF THE DRAGON!!!
I'M ALSO THE ONE WHO KILLED ALL OF MY SUBORDINATES AND STOLE THE DRAGON'S HORN!!
SHIRANO-SAN IS A MODEL SWORDSMAN
WE CAUSED THE "GREAT SURPRISE ATTACK" 7 YEARS AGO!!
HOW PROFITABLE THIS IS!! I CAN'T STOP BEING THE BAD GUY!!!!
SHIRANO-SAN'S THINKING OF DYING FOR THIS VILLAGE!!
GYAAH HA HA HA HA HA!!!
YOU CAN TAKE ALL THE BLAME AND DIE!!!
SUCH TRASH...

NO WAAAAAAY!?
IT CAN'T BE... HOW CAN SHIRANO LOSE!!? HOW!!?
IT'S SHIRANO!! GREAT SWORDSMAN SHIRANO!!!!
HOW CAN SHIRANO LOSE!!! WHAT DID YOU DO!!!?
HEY YOU, DON'T MOVE!!
THAT HORN I BROKE EARLIER. WAS FAKE THE REAL ONE IS HERE...!!
WE STILL HAVE TIME...
BUT IT'S NOT LIKE ANYONE CAN CONTROL A DRAGON WITH THIS HORN
I'M AN OUT-SIDER
SO IF YOU KILL ME, THIS TOWN WILL TOTALLY
YOU UNDERSTAND!? I'M THE ONLY ONE WHO CAN STOP THAT DRAGON
EVEN FOR ME IT TOOK THREE YEARS TO MASTER IT

IT'S HUGE !!
IT'S IMPOSSIBLE EVEN FOR SHIRANO-SAN !!
I'LL DIE...
ALONG WITH THIS VILLAGE...

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HE...!
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AAAARRRGGGGHHH!!!

I WONDER WHAT IT EATS
WHAT A HUGE LIZARD
I WAS TAKING COVER...!
N-NO.
HOW ABOUT YOU?
YOU DIDN'T RUN AWAY?
OH, YOU
!
I HEARD IT'S NOT FUN
WHEN YOU DIE
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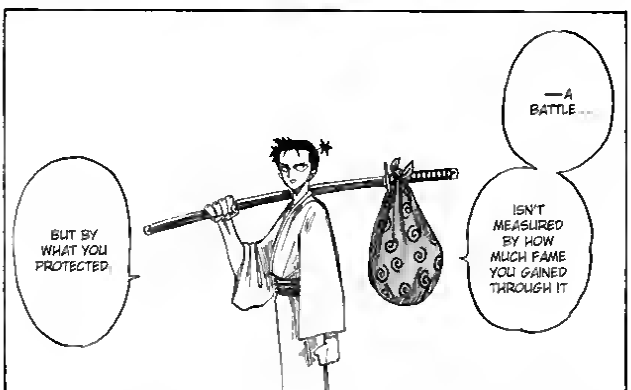
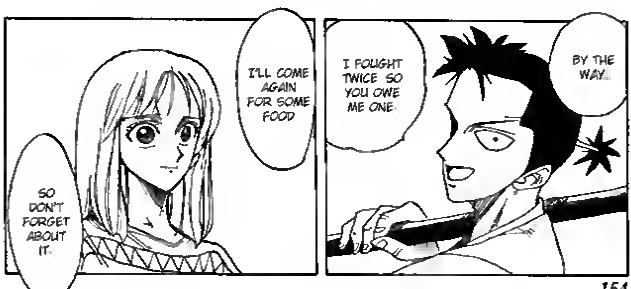
DON'T THINK ABOUT DYING ANYMORE

EVEN SO YOU UNREASONABLY FOUGHT A BATTLE
... THAT COULD HAVE COST MANY LIVES ...!!
YET I'VE NEVER HEARD OF THE NAME RYUMA!
— YOU'RE SO STRONG ...


—A BATTLE ...
ISN'T MEASURED BY HOW MUCH FAME YOU GAINED THROUGH IT
BUT BY WHAT YOU PROTECTED


I'LL COME AGAIN FOR SOME FOOD
SO DON'T FORGET ABOUT IT.
I FOUGHT TWICE SO YOU OWE ME ONE
BY THE WAY...

DID THAT SAMURAI REALLY DO THIS!?
HE FOOLED ALL OF US!! THAT SHIRANO BASTARD —!!!
I CAN'T BELIEVE THAT THE WEIRD GUY AND SHIRANO WERE IN THIS TOGETHER. !!
KING!?
YEAH
IT'S A NAME THAT PEOPLE HE SAVED GAVE HIM SO HE PROBABLY DOESN'T KNOW IT HIMSELF
I REMEMBER NOW RYUMA "THE KING"
EH?
WHO CARRIES THE WORLD'S GREATEST "WARRIOR'S SOUL"
— THE SWORDSMAN
OH NO. I'M GETTING HUNGRY
OH WELL
SHOULD I GO BACK ?
Fin

✡A dragon-slaying manga. "Monsters." I kinda forced the title when I made this manga. I mean, when I drew this, I was in the mood for titles with "-ters" ending a lot. Something like "Drifters," "Southern All Stars," or "Grifters" and "Mobsters" from movies. I really wanted to have a title like that, so when I decided the basic story line, I thought: "Ah, there will be a dragon and a bunch of strong guys. They're all like monsters. That's it: 'Monsters!' "

✡Now for the story. The story revolved around the fact that I simply wanted to draw something like a dragon being slayed in a double-page spread. I also wanted to draw something about a clash between a rough Samurai and a noble knight. If I use cooking as an example, it would be something like eating "a home-made samurai's miso and a medieval knight's marinade flavored by a cowboy film" with a side of "dragon soup" and a bottle of refreshing "chivalry rose." "How is your dinner?" "Lovely, chef, it tastes very acrobatic." "Thanks madam."

✡I drew this when I just finished my job as an assistant to Kaidani Shinobu-sensei, and started to help Tokuhiro Masaya-sensei's "Jungle no Ouja Taa-chan." I can never forget; I was 19 and that was during ... s-summer? Eh... fall? ... Spring? Hrmm? Maybe summer? ... ... G-guts? Ah, I want to eat guts hotpot.

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http://www.null.net/ (those who do not exist)

http://www.KEFI.org/ (Kinky Eutopia for Insomniacs)

ROMANCE DAWN
ロマンス ドーン

FWAAAH!
I SLEPT WELL
PAAN...!
WHA?
I FEEL GREAT!
NAME
MONKEY D. LUFFY

WHA!?
WHAT'S THAT SOUND?
A BIRD?
Gwaaah
WHAT A HUGE BIRD IS IT AN OSTRICH?
NO, MAYBE A PANDA?
AH!! THE IMPACT JUST NOW
MADE A HOLE ON THE BOAT!!
YOU'RE HURT WHAT HAPPENED!?
IF THE BOAT SINKS I'M SCREWED 'CAUSE I CAN'T SWIM
Not even an inch...
HEY!! DON'T MOVE AROUND, OKAY!?
I'M PLUGGING THE HOLE WITH YOUR BUTT

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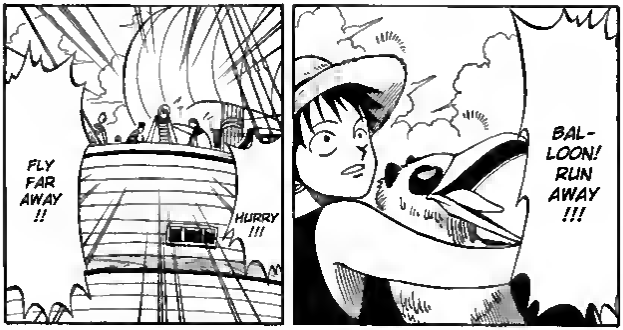
!
WHAT THE HECK? WHEN DID THIS...!?

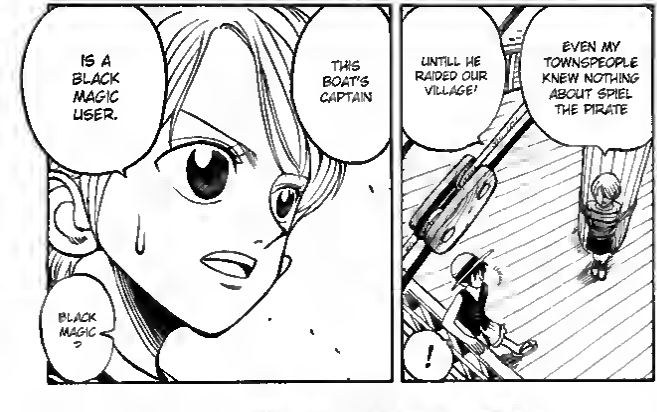

FLY FAR AWAY !!
HURRY !!!
BAL-LOON! RUN AWAY !!!

THAT'S NOT HAP-PEN-ING!!
THIS IS ALL YOUR FAULT, ANYWAY.
YOU'RE TRYING TO RUN AWAY!?
UGH!! WHAT'S GOING ON!?

CARRY THAT BIRD ONTO THE DECK, PLEASE
STRAWHAT YOUNG'UN!!

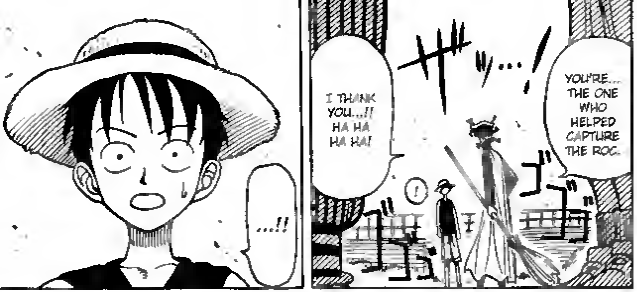
WHY'D YOU BRING BAL-LOON!?
ぎゃはははは
HOW DARE YOU?
わい わい
BAL-LOON?
NAME
ANNE
YOU WERE HOLDING HIM DOWN RIGHT!? I WAS WATCH-ING!!
GWRH
はは
GWRH
HE GOT CAUGHT BY THEM BECAUSE OF YOU!!
HE'S NOT A PANDA!!
BALLOON? OH, THAT PANDA?
HE WAS HURT

THAT'S RIGHT. AN UNKNOWN PIRATE'S.
THIS IS A PIRATE SHIP!?
REALLY !?
WHAT'S THAT?
SPIEL?
THAT'S 'CAUSE HE WAS SHOT BY "SIX-SIDED SPIEL"!!
HE'S THE CAPTAIN OF THIS PIRATE SHIP.


IS A BLACK MAGIC USER.
THIS BOAT'S CAPTAIN
BLACK MAGIC ?
UNTILL HE RAIDED OUR VILLAGE!
EVEN MY TOWNSPEOPLE KNEW NOTHING ABOUT SPIEL THE PIRATE
!

THE CAPTAIN HAS ARRIVED!!!
!
BUT THEY COULDN'T EVEN GET CLOSE TO HIM.
ALL THE TOWNSPEOPLE TRIED TO RAISE ARMS AND FIGHT HIM,

IT LOOKS LIKE YOU'VE CAPTURED THE MONSTER BIRD, ROC...
Y-YES, SIR!
THANKS FOR THE TROUBLE...
* ROC IS A MYTHICAL BIRD OF PREY HAVING ENORMOUS SIZE AND STRENGTH
IT'S BECAUSE OF HIM THAT MY TOWN WAS DESTROYED AND LOOTED!!
EVEN HIS CREW IS SCARED OF HIM...
THAT'S HIM...!
NICKNAME: "SIX-SIDED SPIEL"
IF YOU FIGHT BACK
YOU'LL BE KILLED.


...!!
I THINK YOU...!! HA HA HA HA!
...!
YOU'RE... THE ONE WHO HELPED CAPTURE THE ROC.

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YOU HAVE A FUNNY HEAD

BUT LOOK AT HIM!
STUPID!!! WERE YOU LISTENING TO ANY-THING!!?
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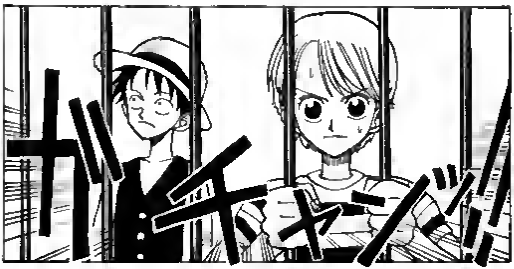
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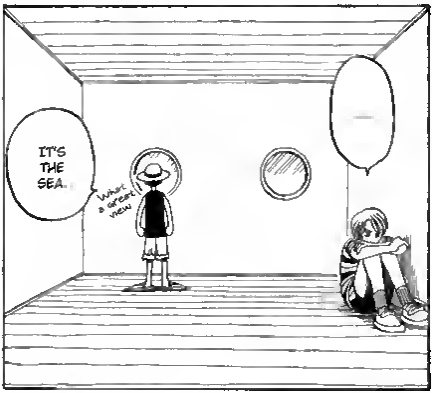
IMPRISON THOSE FOOLS !!!


IT'S THE SEA.
WOW! A GREAT VIEW!

BE GOOD KIDS.
...
CLANK
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IT'S NOT AN OSTRICH, EITHER!! HE'S A ROC!! HIS NAME IS BALLOON!!
WAS THAT OSTRICH YOURS...?
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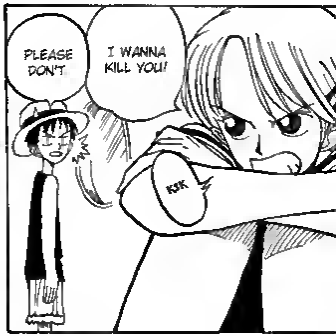
PLEASE DON'T
I WANNA KILL YOU!
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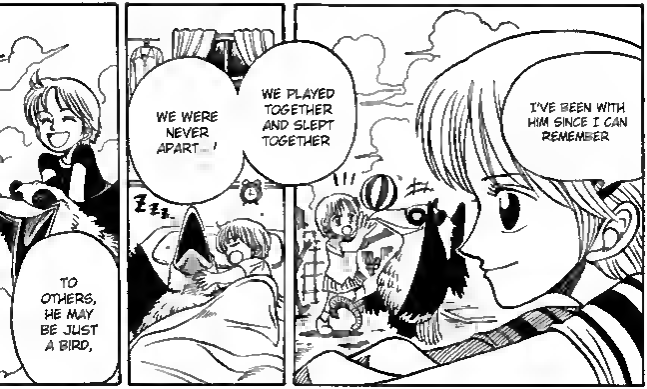
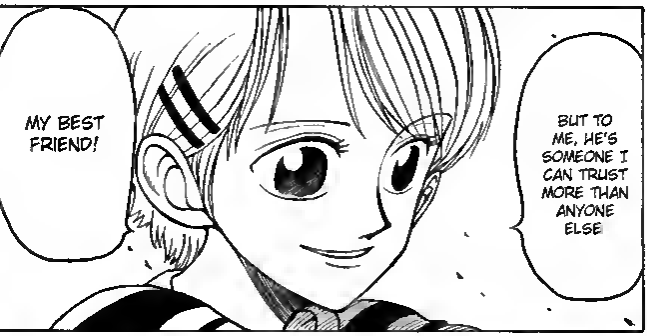
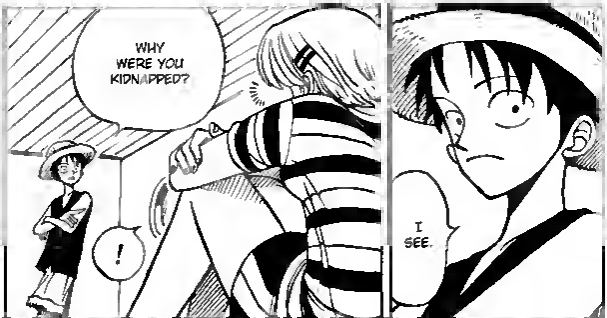
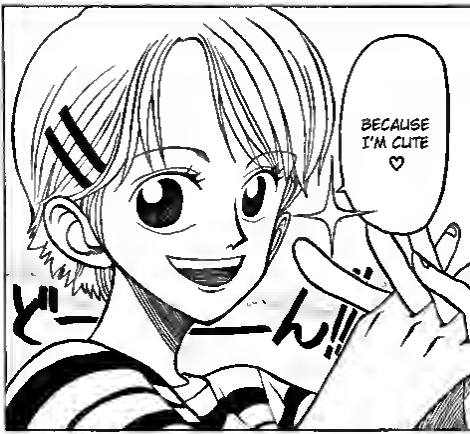

I'VE BEEN WITH HIM SINCE I CAN REMEMBER
WE PLAYED TOGETHER AND SLEPT TOGETHER
WE WERE NEVER APART...!
ZZZ
TO OTHERS, HE MAY BE JUST A BIRD,


BUT TO ME, HE'S SOMEONE I CAN TRUST MORE THAN ANYONE ELSE
MY BEST FRIEND!


WHY WERE YOU KIDNAPPED?
!
I SEE.

I SEE.
For real?


BECAUSE I'M CUTE ♡
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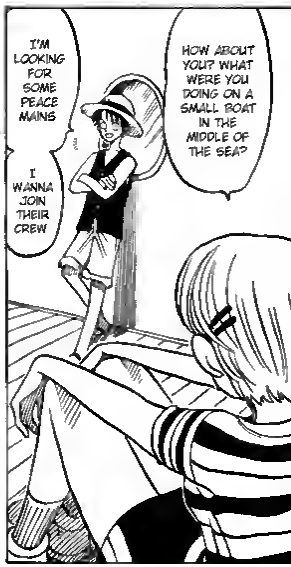
IT'S A TYPE OF PIRATE
PEACE MAIN?


I'M LOOKING FOR SOME PEACE MAINS
I WANNA JOIN THEIR CREW
HOW ABOUT YOU? WHAT WERE YOU DOING ON A SMALL BOAT IN THE MIDDLE OF THE SEA?

PIRATE CREWS LIKE THIS ONE WHO JUST PILLAGE ARE CALLED "MORGANEERS"
PIRATES WHO GO ON AN ADVENTURE BY FEEDING ON MORGANEERS ARE CALLED "PEACE MAINS"

I'M GOING
GRIN
TO BE A PEACE MAIN!!
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LUFFY!! BEING A PIRATE IS GRAND IF YOU'RE A MAN, GO OUT TO THE SEA!!!!
MY GRANDPA WAS A PEACE MAIN PIRATE, AND...
GO OUT 'CAUSE I SAID SO!! BWA HA HA HA!!!!
I DON'T REMEMBER RAISING MY GRANDSON TO BE SO SELFISH!!
I DON'T WANNA BE A PIRATE!
I CAN'T SWIM. I DON'T LIKE THE SEA, EITHER
WHAT!?
NO

FIGHT FOR IT!!!
I HAD THE MOST BATTLE FEATS.
I'M THE ONE WHO FOUND THE TREASURE.
WHO WHO
DON'T BE SILLY!! IT'S BECAUSE OF ME THAT WE DIDN'T GET LOST ON THAT ISLAND!!
AAAH, CAPTAIN, YOU'RE TAKING TOO MUCH
GRRR
GRRR
WE'RE GONNA SPLIT UP THIS VOYAGE'S BOOTY!!
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はは
CAPTAIN WINS !!
STRONG...!!
HUH
100 YEARS TOO EARLY.
DON'T EAT IT!!!!
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ずぞぞ
NASTY
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©EIICHIRO ODA
THE ENEMY SHIP HAPPENED TO HAVE IT!! IT'S A DREAM FRUIT WORTH FIVE BILLION BERIES IF YOU SELL IT, AND...
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HEY LUFFY!! LOOK AT THIS!! IT'S THE "GOMU GOMU" FRUIT !!!!
SFX: DON!!

EEEEEEEEEEH!? NO WAY—!!!
YOU FOOL—!!!
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!
IF YOU EAT IT, YOU WON'T BE ABLE TO SWIM YOUR WHOLE LIFE!!!
THAT'S A DEVILISH FRUIT !!!
I REALLY CAN'T SWIM FOREVER...
OH WELL, THAT'S ALL RIGHT IT'S NOT LIKE I WANTED TO BE A PIRATE
WHAT
I don't know how to swim anyway
ふっ
YOU GET BACK UP QUICKLY, KID! THAT'S NO FUN
!
PULL
PULL
WELL!! IT'S A GOOD THING THAT YOU HATED THE SEA !!
IT WILL BE ALL RIGHT!! THERE ARE LOTS OF PEOPLE WHO DON'T GO OUT TO THE SEA AND CAN STILL LIVE HAPPILY!!
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はっはっはっ

BUT I COULDN'T SWIM SO I SAID THOSE THINGS... OWW!!!
I...!!! I WANTED TO BE A PIRATE!!! REALLY...!!!
HIC...
OWWW
LUFFY
I DON'T WANNA BE A HAMMER FOR-EVER!!!
I WANNA GO OUT AND SEE LOTS OF PLACES!!
YOU WANNA BE A PIRATE!
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I SEE
ひっく...

THE SEA'S DIFFERENT FROM A RIVER OR A LAKE!!!
IT'S A BEAST !!!!
!?
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DON'T UNDER-ESTIMATE THE SEA —!!!
ぬぬっ!!
HOW COULD YOU HAVE DONE THAT?
YOU VIO-LENT OLD MAN!!
A MAN WHIM-PERING OVER SUCH A SMALL THING
IF A SHIP GOES DOWN IN THE MIDDLE OF THE SEA, EVEN I'LL DIE!!!
HOW DARE YOU KICK YOUR GRANDPA !!!
YOU STARTED IT!!!
I SEE YOU'RE A HAMMER, HUH
FOREVER, TOO

IT'S MY TREASURE.
WAS ALWAYS WORN BY THAT VIOLENT GRANDPA.
THIS HAT
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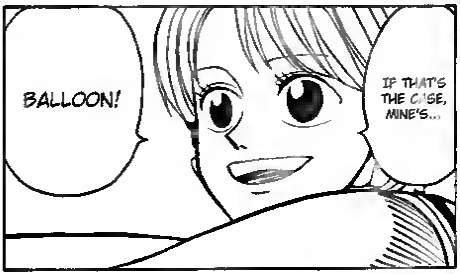
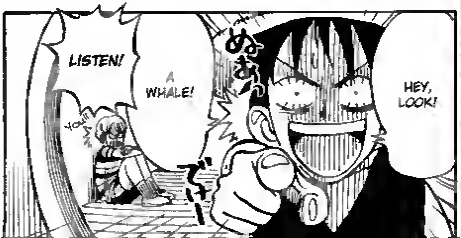

BALLOON!
IF THAT'S THE CASE, MINE'S...

TREA-SURE
MM-HMM
WHAT'S YOURS?


LISTEN!
A WHALE!
HEY, LOOK!

ROMANCE DAWN
THERE'S NO WAY!!
STOP DREAMING
I'M GETTING OFF
I'M BORED
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くー。
WHAT I MEANT WAS THAT WE CAN'T GET OUT OF HERE
HIIOT!
MY BOAT WAS DESTROYED BY THAT HUGE BIRD
THAT'S TRUE
THE KEYS WERE RIGHT HERE
I'M ASKING HOW YOU COULD REACH THOSE FROM INSIDE THIS CELL!!!
HOW'D YOU GET OUT!!?
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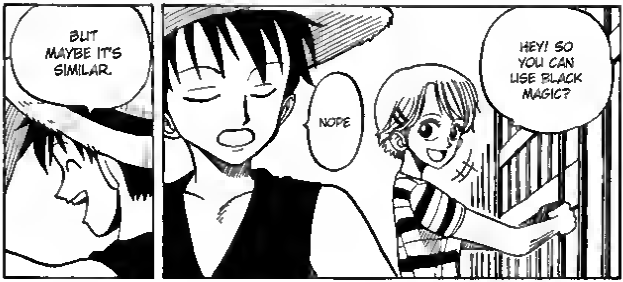
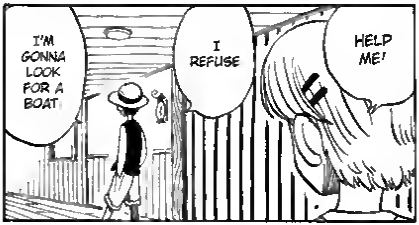
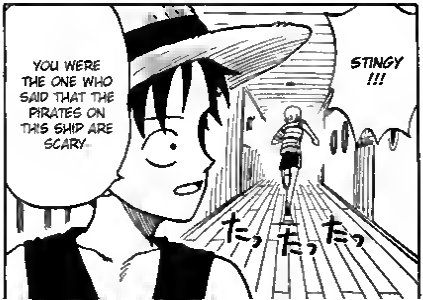
うが!!!
Let me out, KSO!


BUT MAYBE IT'S SIMILAR.
NOPE
HEY! SO YOU CAN USE BLACK MAGIC?


I'M GONNA LOOK FOR A BOAT
I REFUSE
HELP ME!

WHERE ARE YOU GOING?
ISN'T IT OBVIOUS? I'M GOING TO RESCUE BALLOON

I REFUSE, too timid
HELP MEEE!!


YOU WERE THE ONE WHO SAID THAT THE PIRATES ON THIS SHIP ARE SCARY
STINGY !!!
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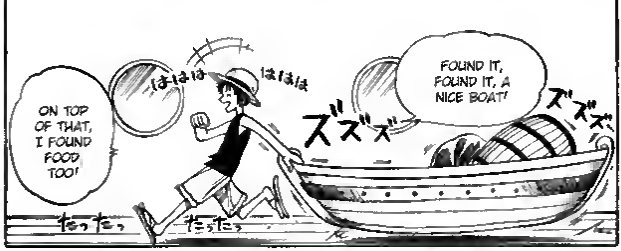
LUCKY!!
ZZZ
ZZZ
ZZZ
ZZZ
THEY'RE ALL NAP-PING!
BUT IT LOOKS LIKE THERE ARE STILL A COUPLE OF GUARDS.
RUSTLE RUSTLE
I'LL GET YOU OUTTA THERE SOON!
!
GRIN


ON TOP OF THAT, I FOUND FOOD TOO!
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FOUND IT, FOUND IT, A NICE BOAT!
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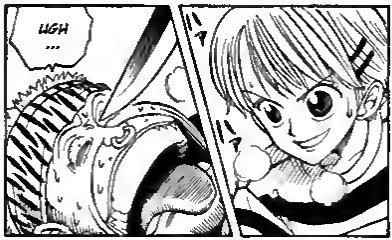
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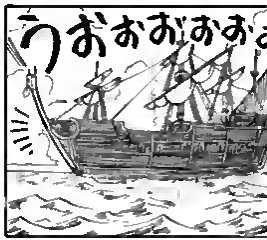
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LET BALLOON GO AS YOU PROMISED!
YOU LOOKED DOWN ON ME 'CAUSE I'M A GIRL, DIDN'T YOU?

AH!!!
HOOOT !!!
SCUM...
LOSING TO A LITTLE GIRL...
ゾォ～～～…!!
YOU WIN
!
YOU CAN LET HIM GO
KI, NI!
YEAH!
BALLOON! I'LL LET YOU OUT NOW!!
GWA-HAH
GWA-HAH
イエーイ!

ガシャーン…!
!
PUPUH
GWARRH!!
GWARRH!!
GWARRH!!
AH HA HA HA HA WHO'S GONNA LET YOU TAKE HIM OUT WHEN WE FINALLY CAUGHT HIM!?
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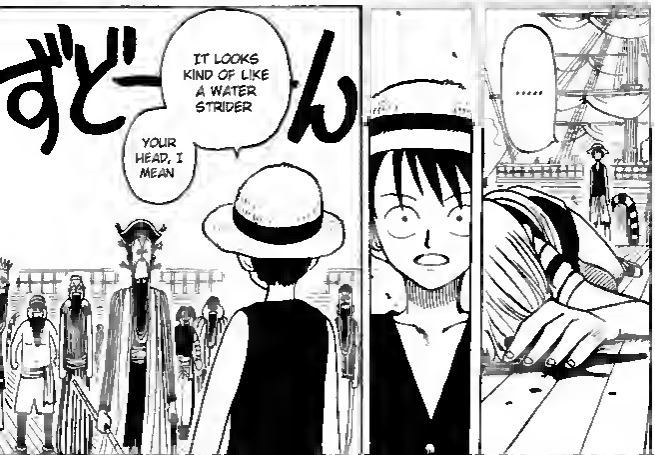
…!!
FOOO-OOL!!
どわっはっはっはっ
GRIP
-!!

HEY...
HRMM?
WHAT A GREAT WEATHER, WHERE ARE YOU HEADING?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IT LOOKS KIND OF LIKE A WATER STRIDER
YOUR HEAD, I MEAN
.....

WHAT HAS HE DONE ...!?
IS HE AN IDIOT ...!?
HMM?
I WAS ACTING DEAD TO WAIT FOR A CHAN-
I WAS SHOT AND I FELL DOWN!!
HEY WHY ARE YOU SLEEPING WHILE YOU'RE BLEEDING?
!!!
KYAAA !!!

LEARN YOUR PLACE !!!
どひゅん
ひゅん!
!!!
HMPH!
PUON
PUON

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AAAH, THAT SCARED ME.
WHA-
?
WHAT JUST HAP-PENED...?
!! !! COME OUT HAMMER —!!!
ほ!!
IS IT BLACK MAGIC!? IS HE A BLACK MAGIC USER LIKE THE CAPTAIN ~~~!!?
H-HE BOUNCED BACK THE BULLETS —!!!
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!!!
NO WAAAY !!!!
I'M GONNA GET MAD
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ぐ ぐ....
CLIMBING UP THERE IS USELESS
すぅ...
WHAT !!?
YOU STARTED IT!
GET AWAY FROM ME, YOU MON-STER!!!
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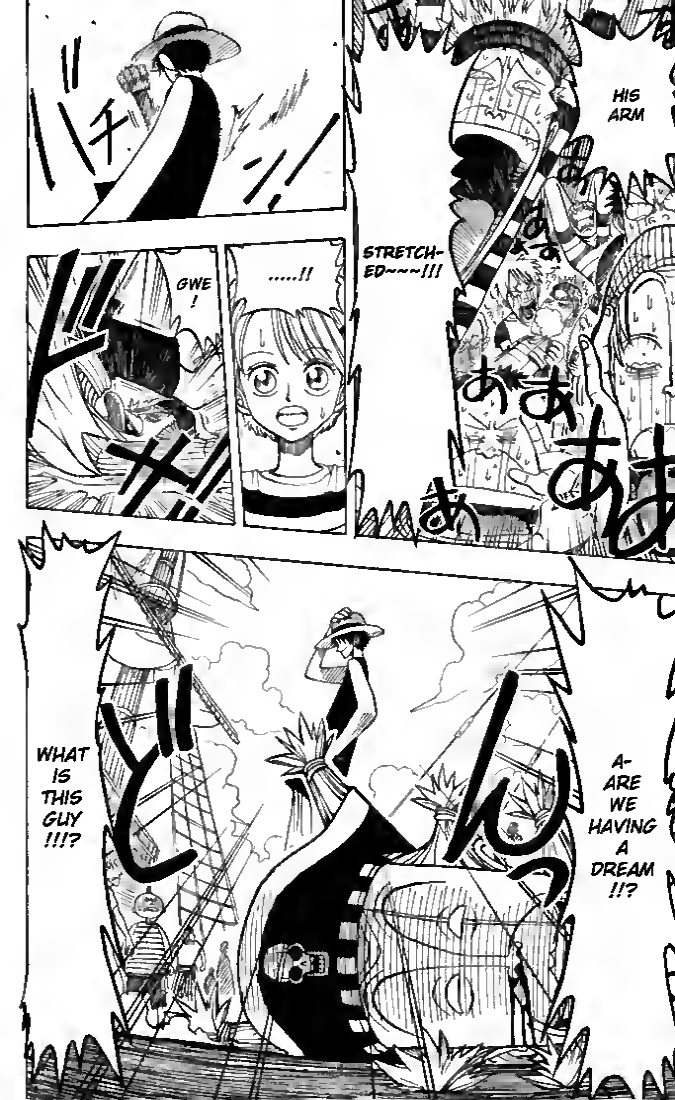
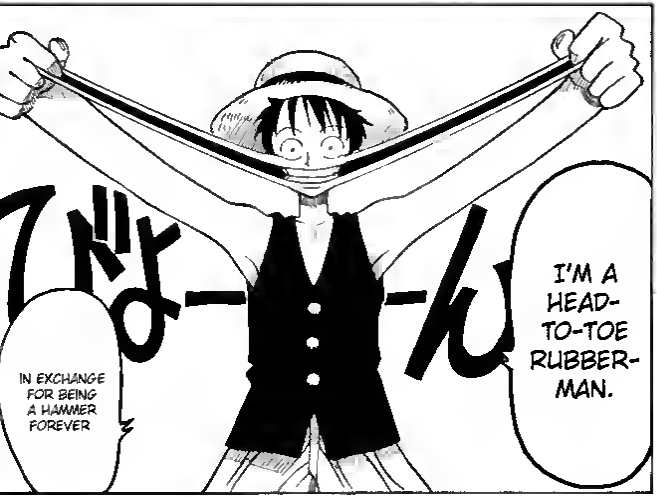
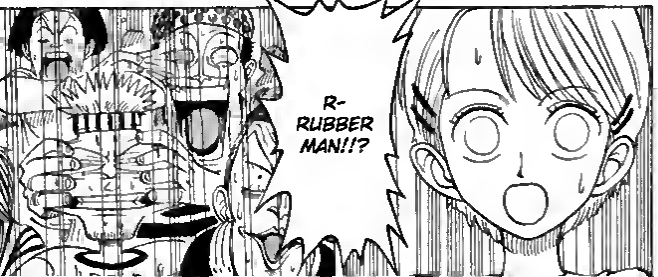
BUH
!!!?


HIS ARM
STRETCH-ED~~~!!!
GWE !
.....!!
A- ARE WE HAVING A DREAM !!?
WHAT IS THIS GUY !!!?

W-WHAT ARE YOU...!?
ISN'T IT FUNNY?
I TOLD YOU I ATE THE GOMU GOMU FRUIT, RIGHT?
SO

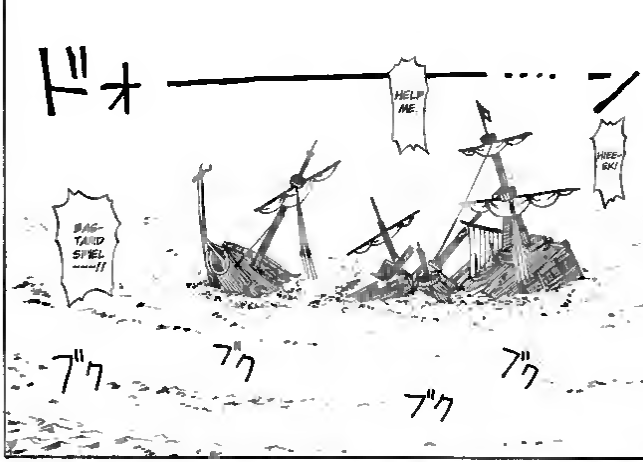

I'M A HEAD-TO-TOE RUBBER-MAN.
IN EXCHANGE FOR BEING A HAMMER FOREVER


R-RUBBER MAN!!?

BAL-LOON!!!
I GOT THE TREASURE I WANTED
BRUN-
BUT I'M GOING TO EXCUSE MYSELF NOW
I WAS DISGRACED A LITTLE AT THE END,
I HAVE NO USE FOR THIS SHIP ANY MORE
YOU DON'T NEED TO CALL ME CAPTAIN
GWAAAH GWAAAH !
YOU STRETCH YOURSELF THERE FOR THE REST OF YOUR LIFE
CAP-TAIN!!

FARE WELL, RUBBER MAN!!!

SINK WITH THE SHIP —!!!
!!!
WHY US, TOO !!?
CA-CA-CAPTA-AAIN!!!
I'LL DROWN —!!!
UWAH, WATER ~~~!!!
BAL-LOON !!!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HELP ME
HEE-EK!
BAG-TARD SPIEL ----!!
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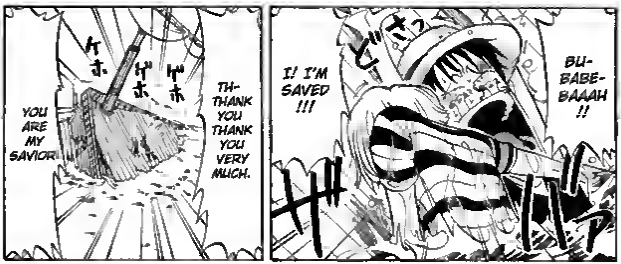
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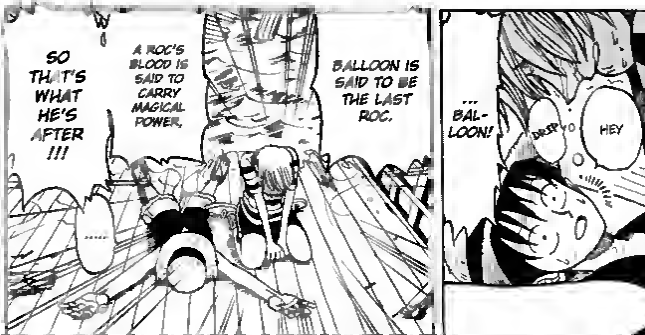
YOU ARE MY SAVIOR
TH-THANK YOU THANK YOU VERY MUCH.
I! I'M SAVED !!!
BU-BABE-BAAAH !!


SO THAT'S WHAT HE'S AFTER !!!
A ROC'S BLOOD IS SAID TO CARRY MAGICAL POWER.
BALLOON IS SAID TO BE THE LAST ROC.
.....
... BAL-LOON!
DESU YO
HEY

THAT'S WHY I WAS KIDNAPPED.
AS LONG AS I'M HERE, BALLOON WILL KEEP COMING BACK HERE ...!!!
I WISH HE WEREN'T MAGICAL OR RARE !!!
EVEN IF HE WEREN'T SPECIAL, HE'D STILL BE MY BEST FRIEND!!!
IT'S NOT OVER YET!
!
DON'T GIVE UP.
HE'S YOUR TREASURE, RIGHT?

..!! WHAT ARE YOU TRYING TO DO!?
KUHH
MUNH!
.....!!
!
FLY !!!!

I KNOW HOW TO MAKE AN EXIT!
AH HA HA HA HA, I'M SO GREAT!
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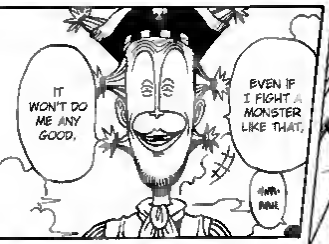

IT WON'T DO ME ANY GOOD.
EVEN IF I FIGHT A MONSTER LIKE THAT,

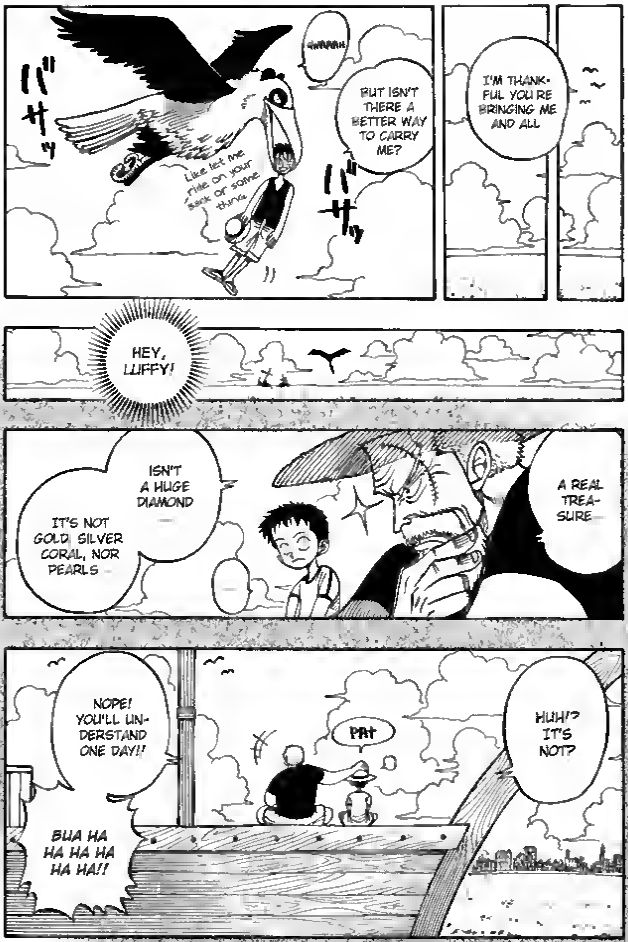
ALL I NEED IS THE ROC'S BLOOD

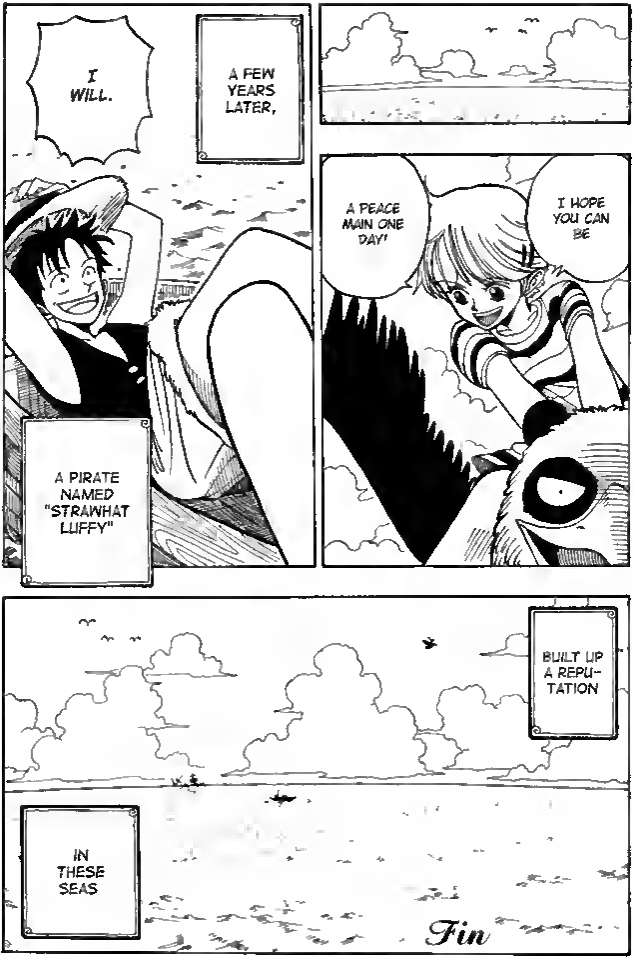
!

WE'VE ALREADY COME THIS FAR...
HEY HEY, STOP STRUGGLING.
?
GWEEEEEH!!
YO.
WHAAAT!!?
HEH?
HEY!
ガシッ!!
WHERE THE HECK DID YOU—!? !! D-DON'T GET ON!!!
I ENVY YOU
FOR BEING ABLE TO FLY.

DON'T TOUCH
MY TREASURE !!!
!!!
ACK!
THE ROC —!!!
IT'LL ARRIVE SOON
WHAT WILL !!?
MY RIGHT HAND
EH?

BUBAAAH !!!!
あああああ
!!!
NO-!


バサッ
Like let me ride on your back or some thing
AHHHH
BUT ISN'T THERE A BETTER WAY TO CARRY ME?
バサッ
I'M THANK-FUL YOU'RE BRINGING ME AND ALL
HEY, LUFFY!
ISN'T A HUGE DIAMOND
IT'S NOT GOLD, SILVER CORAL, NOR PEARLS
A REAL TREA-SURE
NOPE! YOU'LL UN-DERSTAND ONE DAY!!
BUA HA HA HA HA HA!!
PAT
HUH!? IT'S NOT?


I WILL.
A FEW YEARS LATER,
A PIRATE NAMED "STRAWHAT LUFFY"
A PEACE MAIN ONE DAY!
I HOPE YOU CAN BE
BUILT UP A REPU-TATION
IN THESE SEAS
Fin

✿ A pirate manga. I first started drawing pirate manga back when I was in 7th grade. I didn't know anything about draft paper, pen, or how to draw manga properly, so I was drawing this manga on a piece of paper with a pencil. Back then I also played soccer and enjoyed being in a "team," so I started to incorporate this into my long-time favorite genre: pirates. But then, the idea I had for a "Pirates' Adventures" was huge, and I realized that I wouldn't be able to finish drawing it in one notebook. I realized that drawing a pirate story for a one-shot is impossible, so I thought: "I'll leave the pirates alone until I start my serialization in Jump." (<- Decided.)

✿ And so, this is the manga I drew to show my "eagerness" for the serialization. To tell you the truth, I also drew another "Romance Dawn" before this one, but because of the limitation on the number of pages, I couldn't fit it in here. I didn't put the first one here because it was too much of a prototype for "One Piece," which means, I used a lot of points from that one shot to draw "One Piece," so I'd rather put something that's quite different; this "Romance Dawn." I'll probably share "the other Romance Dawn" in One Piece or something when the time comes.

✿ By the way, after two one-shots about pirates, I resigned from being an assistant for Watsuki Nobuhiro-sensei's "Rurouni Kenshin" and started to ~~hump~~ take action for my serialization in JUMP.

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